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Puerto Rico hands U.S. men basketball loss for the record books



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Contractors use a crane to right an M-113 armored personnel carrier that flipped at Shu'aiba Port, Kuwait, on Tuesday. A hole dug to free a soldier trapped inside is visible beneath the vehicle.

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### ews Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### States

Church sex-abuse scandal: Seventeen adults who sued the Philadelphia archdiocese for alleged child sexual abuse by Roman Catholic clergy waited too long to file suit, a judge ruled.

Judge Arnold New rejected claims that a cover-up by the archdiocese helped hide the abuse from the victims' families, preventing them from suing within the two-year time

The alleged abuse dates from 1957 to 1983. Until 1984, child sexual assault victims had two years to file suit. A 2002 law extended that deadline to an alleged victim's 30th birthday, but the new law is not retroac-

Utah wife death: Family and friends of Lori Hacking gathered Saturday in Orem, Utah, for a memorial service to remember the woman who authorities believe was slain by her husband while she slept.

About 600 people attended the service, including the parents of both Lori Hacking and her husband, Mark, who has been charged with her murder

Jackson case: The Santa Barbara. Calif.. sheriff has asked a judge's permission to release the results of a state probe into allegations that Michael Jackson was "manhandled" by authorities after his arrest for inon of child molestation

Sheriff Jim Anderson sked for a state investigation last year after Jackson claimed he was mistreated while in custody.

James memorial: Grammy Award-winning funk singer Rick James was laid to rest Saturday in his hometown of Buffalo, N.Y., where 6,000 people waited for hours to pay their final respects.

The line of mourners stretched more than two city blocks for the funeral service. Seventy gospel singers and a band performed a lively tribute.

James was to be cremated after the service, funeral director Vincent Amigone said

An autopsy has failed to determine what caused the singer's death. Results of a toxicology test were pending. James, who suffered a stroke in 1998, was a diabetic and had a pacemaker.

Calif. wildfire: A wind-fueled wildfire roared through an old mining town in northern California on Sunday, destroying 20 homes and forcing nearly 125 residents to flee, officials said.

The blaze broke out Saturday afternoon and quickly grew to 2,500 acres, sweeping through the mountain community of French Gulch, said Linda Galvan, spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

The cause of the fire was still under inves-

#### World

Sudanese crisis: About 140 Rwandan soldiers arrived in Sudan's troubled Darfur region Sunday, becoming the first foreign armed force deployed in the Iraq-sized re-gion since Arab militiamen began attacking black African farmers

The Rwandan contingent was airlifted to Darfur to protect unarmed military observers monitoring a four-month ceasefire be-



Burundi massacre: Tutsi refugees from Congo who survived a massacre by Hutu extremists at the U.N.-run camp in Gatumba, Burundi, begin the grim task Sunday of identifying 150 hodies of relatives and friends who were shot, backed and hurned to death in ethnic violence reminiscent of the 1994 genocide in neighboring Rwanda. A Burundian Hutu rebel group claimed responsibility for the attack late Friday on the refugee camp in Gatumba, which sheltered Congolese Tutsis who had fled fighting in their troubled country.

tween Sudanese government forces and rehels

Palestinian unrest: About 1,600 Palestinian prisoners began a hunger strike Sunday to protest conditions in Israeli jails, despite a warning by Israel's public security minister that they could "starve to death" before he agrees to ease restrictions

An extended fast by this many inmates would be the biggest challenge to Israeli prison authorities since the outbreak of Israeli-Palestinian fighting in 2000. The remaining Palestinian prisoners and detainees — Israel holds a total of about 7,500 are to join the hunger strike by the end of the week, organizers said.

The strike was organized by the main Palestinian factions — the Islamic militant Hamas and Islamic Jihad, and the Fatah movement of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. The hunger strikers want more access to phones, a cessation of strip searches

and family visits. Israeli Public Security Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said over the weekend that Israel would not give in to the prisoners' demands.

Georgia cease-fire: Authorities in Georgia and its breakaway South Ossetia region accused each other of violating a cease-fire Sunday

The claims of new exchanges of fire came hours after Georgian and South Ossetian officials pledged to observe a cease-fire reached Friday in a bid to ease mounting tension in the region in northern Georgia.

Detained professor: China has denied allegations that it mistreated a Chinese-born American college professor accused of spy ing before deporting him earlier this month, state media said Sunday.

Fei-Ling Wang, a professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, was detained in China for two weeks on espionage charges and released Aug. 8, when he returned to the United States.

Wang, a naturalized American citizen, was arrested July 25.

Sri Lankan rebels: Sri Lanka's Tamil Tiger rebels have refused to discuss a gov-ernment proposal on power-sharing, demanding that peace negotiations focus only on their plan for self-rule, a pro-rebel report said Sunday.

The Tigers presented a blueprint for self-rule called the Interim Self-Governing Authority, or ISGA, last October. It called for a largely independent territory with control over its own administration, police and legal system, unrestricted access to the sea and the right to collect taxes and receive direct foreign aid.

U.N. presence in Kosovo: The new U.N. administrator for Kosovo was set to formally take control Sunday of a province that has remained deeply divided along ethnic lines since the end of a 1999 war.

Soren Jessen-Petersen, a Danish refugee expert and former European Union representative to Macedonia was named to the post on June 16 by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. He replaces Harri Holkeri, a former Finish prime minister, who resigned because of ill health in May after serving for less than a year in the tense province.

#### War on terrorism

Diplomat hostage: Iran on Sunday rejected conditions set by a militant group holding a top Iranian diplomat hostage in Bagh-dad, saying Tehran was not holding Iraqi prisoners to exchange

A militant group holding Iranian diplomat Faridoun Jihani has said it would release him if Iran frees 500 Iraqi prisoners it is holding, the pan-Arab Al-Jazeera television station reported early Sunday.

But Vice President Mohammad Ali Abtahi told The Associated Press that there are no Iragi prisoners in Iran nor Iranian prison-

Stories and photo from The Associated Press

### Messages of Support

Two little boys in Brooklyn NY sleep soundly tonight because YOU are keeping the monsters away. Thank you for making the world a safe place for kids to live in freedom. With love and prayers for your safe return home, Terie RN

keeping our country safe from the tyranny of the world. Each day my friends and family pray for your safety, victory, and homecoming. We remember the price of freedom and the sacrifice that is needed to make sure that the

Thank you for

United States remains strong. If you begin to feel down or discouraged, please know that we love you and sincerely think of you and your safety constantly! God Bless America, Lori. Jasper, Alabama

## **Gunfire, explosions shake Najaf's center**

BY ABDUL HUSSEIN AL-OBEIDI

The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — Explosions and gunfire shook the center of Najaf on Sunday as U.S. troops in armored vehicles and tanks rolled back into the holy city and new fighting broke out after truce talks collapsed.

The new U.S. offensive in Najaf cast a pall over Sunday's opening of the National Conference, a gathering of more than 1,000 delegates from across Iraq seen as a key step toward democracy in the country [See related story on Page 4].

Hours after the conference opened, insurgents fired a barrage of mortars that hit a commuter bus station in central Baghdad, killing two people and wounding 17 others, according to the Health Ministry.

The barrage apparently targeted the capital's Green Zone, the heavily protected neighborhood where the conference is taking place, but instead hit the station, which was left littered with glass, shrapnel and

Also in Baghdad, a roadside bomb killed a U.S. soldier hours before the conference began. At least 931 U.S. servicemembers have died in Iraq since March 2003

The National Conference aims to give a broader spectrum of Iraqis a voice in the political process and increase the legitimacv of the interim government of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, which is dependent on American troops and money even after the end of the U.S. occupation.

But the failure to put an end to uprising in the south by followers of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr - along with the continued Sunni-led insurgency elsewhere threatens to undermine the conference

Dozens of explosions from tank shells and mortars as well as constant small-arms fire shook Najaf's vast cemetery, where fighters from al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militias have been battling U.S troops amid the tombs since the violence first broke out here Aug 5



A plume of smoke from an explosion is seen rising over the Najaf skyline Sunday near the Iraq holy city's vast cemetery. Negotiations to end the fighting in Najaf broke down Sunday, threatening to spark a resurgence of the fierce clashes between Shiite militants and a combined U.S.-Iraqi force that have plagued the city for more than a week.

U.S. troops who had been amassing at a nearby base rolled into the area around Naiaf's Old City, the Mahdi Army's stronghold, in the morning hours. The new fighting ended the quiet that the city had seen since Friday as truce talks were under

An explosion, believed to be from a tank round, landed near the outer wall of the compound housing the revered Imam Ali Shrine, the militants' informal headquarters and Irag's holiest Shiite site, said al-Sadr aide Ahmed al-Shaibany, "The shrine was not hit." he said.

Three days of negotiations to end the standoff fell apart Saturday, when government negotiators called the talks fruitless.

Al-Sadr representatives said the sides had agreed on a cease-fire deal before Allawi personally intervened to quash it.

On Saturday, about 10,000 demonstra tors from as far away as Baghdad arrived in Najaf to show their solidarity with the militants and act as human shields to protect the city and the holy Imam Ali shrine, where the militants have taken refuge since the fighting started.

Before the renewed violence Sunday. Mahdi Army militiamen were seen patrolling the streets of Najaf's Old City

During the negotiations, al-Sadr demanded a U.S. withdrawal from Najaf, the freeing of all Mahdi Army fighters in detention and amnesty for all the fighters in exchange for disarming his followers and pulling them out of the shrine and Naiaf's old city, aides said.

But on Saturday, Iraq's National Securi-Adviser Mouwaffaq al-Rubaie announced the talks were over, saying, "After three days, my government thought there was no use in continuing."

However, Qais al-Khazali, al-Sadr's spokesman in Najaf, said a deal had been reached and al-Sadr - who was not in the talks himself - had signed it, when "we were surprised that they [the government negotiators] got instructions from Dr. Allawi to leave The U.S. military estimates hundreds of

insurgents have been killed since the clashes broke out, but the militants dispute the figure. Six Americans have been killed, along with about 20 Iraqi officers, the military said.

In other violence Sunday, a Ukrainian patrol commander, Capt. Yuriy Ivanov, was killed in a land mine explosion near Suwayrah, 25 miles south of Baghdad, said Lt. Col. Artur Domanski, a Polish military spokesman.

Also, a Dutch military policeman was killed and five others seriously wounded during violence Saturday in the southern city of Rumaythah, the Dutch Defense Ministry said Sunday.

In a senarate incident in Rumaythah. al-Sadr militants fought with police in a battle that killed two people, including one policeman, said Dr. Mohammed al-Kharasani a hosnital official

### U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, Aug. 13, 930 servicemembers died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 692 died as a result of hostile ac-tion and 238 died of non-hostile causes. The Defense Department did not release new numbers on Sunday.

The British military has reported 63 deaths. Italy has re-ported 18 deaths; Spain, eight; Poland, seven; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each. Since May 1, 2003, when

President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 792 U.S. servicemembers have died - 583 as a result of hostile action and 209 of non-hostile causes, according to the Defense Depart-

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command: ■ None

The latest identifications reported by the military: ■ None

Iraqi government orders reporters to leave Najaf The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Iraqi police ordered all journalists to leave the holy city of Najaf on Sunday, just as a new U.S. offensive began against militants hiding out in a revered shrine there

Four police cars surrounded a hotel in the city where journalists were staying and presented the order signed by Najaf's police chief, Brig, Ghalib al-Jazaari

Though the order did not spell out a punishment for those who did not comply, the police who delivered it said any reporters remaining would be arrested, according to journalists at the hotel

The police said any cameras and cellular phones they saw would be confiscated. In re sponse to the threat, many journalists left the city. The order would mean that the only news coverage of the ongoing violence in Najaf, one of the most revered cities to Shiite Muslims, would be provided by reporters em-bedded with the U.S. military.

The U.S. military had no immediate com-

The order also said that all cars coming into the city would be searched and all protesters must leave the city.

Earlier Sunday, police had advised report-ers to leave Najaf, saying there was rumor of a potential car bombing targeting journalists.
When most reporters stayed, the police returned with the order to leave

Concerns about the interim government's commitment to freedom of the press were sparked Aug. 7 when officials ordered the Baghdad office of the pan-Arab television station Al-Jazeera closed

## Freed British journalist says kidnappers beat him



LONDON — A British journalist taken hostage in Iraq has described how his kidnappers beat him and put unloaded pistols to his head and pulled the trigger during his ordeal.

James Brandon, 23, was abducted from a hotel in Basra, southern Iraq, on Thursday by gunmen he assumed were supporters of the radical cleric Muotada al-

He was freed on Friday, nursing a black eye, after al-Sadr ap-parently ordered his release.

Writing in The Sunday Telegraph newspaper. Brandon detol-whipped, blindfolded and driven around Basra, before being subjected to mock executions

"All I could feel was the cold steel of the muzzle of one of my abductors' pistols being pressed to my temple.

"Then came a chilling silence broken only, seconds later, by the terrifying metallic click of the trigger being pulled," he wrote.

His captors filmed a video message threatening to kill him if

U.S. troops did not stop fighting in the holy city of Najaf. Brandon described how he managed to escape, after loosen-

"Your brain works in mysteripers whether I could be shot rath-

ing his blindfold and untying rope

But he was soon tracked down

The freelance journalist and Ar-

abic speaker who has worked in

Iraq for 10 months said the "un-

reasoning mob" of about 30 men

accused him of being a CIA spy.

in a nearby building and recap-

around his hands and feet.

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ous ways," Brandon wrote. "I began planning to ask my kidnaper than beheaded because it would be a quicker, less messy death," added Brandon, who is recovering from his ordeal in Kuwait

## **Security tight as Iraqis gather for conference**

## Delegates meeting in Baghdad will help elect 100-member national council

BY JAMIE TARABAY The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Under intense security, hundreds of delegates from across Iraq gathered Sunday in Baghdad at a three-day national conference intended to bring a taste of democratic debate to a country suffering from violence, chaos and the legacy of a brutal dictatorship

"This conference is not the end of the road for us, it is the first step ... to open up horizons of dialogue," interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi told the delegates in an

opening speech. "Your blessed gathering here is a challenge to the forces of evil and tyranny that

want to destroy this country Delegates had high expectations for this unprecedented gathering of religious, political and civic leaders, which will help elect a 100-member national council to act as a watchdog over the interim government ahead of elections scheduled for January.

"It's a great day in Iraq's history," delegate Mithal al-Alusi, from the Iraqi Na-tional Congress party. "Holding this conference is an important step in creating a kind of supervision of the government, in accordance with the constitutional mandate."

But the conference was beset by problems even as it got started.

al Jadari, an official with the Shiite Political Council, ran onto the platform and threatened to quit the conference unless negotiations were restarted to end fighting between Shiite militants and U.S. and Iraqi forces in the holy city of Najaf.

"The Iragi government bears the responsibility for what is going on in Najaf. It has brought U.S. forces to hit our people in Najaf," said Falah Hassan, another official with the group. "Our demand is to halt the military operations in Naiaf and other parts of Iraq. We will withdraw from the conference within 24 hours if our demands are not met

A walkout by even a small fraction of the delegates would be a symbolic blow to the government as it tries to project a carefully crafted message of inclusion to Iragis of different ethnic and religious groups

Organizers worked quickly to assuage complaints among some of the resistant delegates by forming an additional working committee, tasked with finding a peaceful solution to the tension in Najaf

At least 30 people were part of the committee, said delegate Saad Qindeel, from the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution of Iraq, the country's largest religious group

they're all involved in this," he said.

Other committees formed Sunday were to produce papers on economics and human rights

The conference had already been delayed for two weeks as provinces struggled to agree on delegates and U.N. officials worked unsuccessfully to persuade several key groups to participate.

Though the Najaf fighting between firebrand cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's supporters and U.S. and Iraqi forces has angered many of the nation's majority Shiites, some delegates said it did not change their plans to attend

"We are against the killing of innocent people in Najaf, but we think that it is better to participate in the political process than not to, because we will have better means to express our views," said Mohammed Ali, a Shiite cleric.

Several key factions have decided to hove cott, despite a public relations campaign that included full-page advertisements in local papers and posters plastered on walls throughout the city.

Al-Sadr's group has rejected the meeting as undemocratic and refused to attend

"The Iraqi national conference will be stillborn," Ahmed al-Shaibany, an al-Sadr

Al-Jazeera on Saturday. "It will be imposed by force on the Iraqi people as was Avad Allawi's government

The Association of Muslim Scholars, a religious group with links to insurgents, also said it would not attend because of the ingovernment's reliance on U.S.-led coalition.

Despite the boycotts, 70 different groups have agreed to participate, conference chair Fuad Masoum said

"The movements that boycott this conference are free to do that, but that doesn't cause the conference to lose its legitima-" he said Saturday.

The conference presented an obvious target for insurgents waging a nearly 16-month violent uprising here, and securi ty was intense for the gathering being held in the Green Zone enclave, which houses government buildings and the U.S. and British embassies.

Helicopters flew overhead. Five-meterhigh concrete barriers blocked the entrance to the Green Zone. Bridges leading to the area were barricaded with concrete and Iraqi police checked cars as they slowly moved by. Interior Minister Falah Hassan al-Nagib announced a daytime curfew for the city center during the conference.

Delegates themselves metal detectors and were frisked.

## Quick shovel action saves 2nd ID soldier when M-113 flips

44 It was very hot

was that I was

By SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

SHU'AIBA PORT, Kuwait -The young driver looked like a man back from the grave as he emerged, covered in oil, dirt and hydraulic fluid from a hole in the ground at the Kuwaiti port of Shu'aiba on Tuesday. Moments earlier soldiers and

port workers had dug a hole to free the driver, Pfc. Randy Freeman of Company B, 2nd Engineers. from his M-113 armored personnel carrier. The carrier flipped during operations to unload more to unload more than 1,800 2nd Infantry Division, 2nd Brigade Com-bat Team (Strikeforce) vehicles at the port. Soldiers

2nd ID's 2nd Engi neers Battalion were loading the M-113 onto a contruck to move to Strikeforce's temporary home at Camp Buehring when the acci-

dent happened. The vehicle drove onto the truck without incident, said Spc. Sean Dohner, of Company A, 2nd Engineers Battalion, who driving a following vehicle.

Disaster struck after the M-113 stopped on the flatbed

You could see it [the flatbed] starting to slide and bend. Dohner said. Another witness, Pfc, Tom Fish-

er, also of Company A, was stand ing on a truck to one side of the flathed

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said Fisher, who

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"Once he pulled it on you could ear metal bending. The right track slid off and

and I thought immediately ran there was a gas to the upturned vehicle. leak or The were worried something. The Freeman that might have been engine was injured or killed when the masrunning...Mymachine sive flipped biaaest fear M-113 drivers

out of a hatch on top of the vehigoing to be cles when they burned alive. ?? are driving and have to duck down and brace Pfc. Randy Freeman themselves Company B, 2nd Engineers avoid injury in a roll-over. A driver who fails to do this correctly during such an accident risks hav-

ing his head pounded into the ground by a 25-ton hammer. Fisher was concerned as he approached the vehicle because Freeman was not calling for help



Pfc. Randy Freeman of Company B, 2nd Engineers is covered in oil and dirt after being dug out of his M-113 armored personnel carier after it flipped Tuesday at Shu'aiba Port, Kuwait.

"He wasn't making any sounds, and all of a sudden you just saw his head pop out," he said.

The problem was equipment inside the vehicle piled up in the accident, blocking the rear exit hatches, and there was no way for Freeman to get out since his

hatch now faced the ground "It was very, very scary. I just wanted to get out," Freeman said

The young soldier started to panic, fearing that the M-113 was about to become a giant oven and that he would be baked alive inside it, he said.

"I thought it was going to catch fire. It was very hot and I thought there was a gas leak or some-thing. The engine was running. ...

My biggest fear was that I was going to be burned alive," he said. Outside the vehicle, soldiers

and port workers dug into the hard ground in the marshalling yard, tunneling under the strick en M-113 to reach the trapped driver. They poured water on the rock-hard ground to soften it so that shovels could chip away a hole large enough for a man to

squirm out. When the hole was big enough, Freeman wriggled out, gasping for air in the hot Middle Eastern sun. He looked like a man who had been rescued after being bur-

ied alive as he pulled off his grimy T-shirt. "Once I realized I was out I was relieved. I never want to see than happen again or be part of some-thing like that again," he said. Nearby, the man who guided

him up onto the truck, Pfc. John Shoup, of Company A, 2nd Engineers, took time out to collect him-

"Any time a vehicle rolls over it sucks. It sucks, but it happens. Everything goes in slow motion, said Shoup, who has been in a roll-over himself.

The safety officer, Staff Sgt. Vernon Wilson of the 385th Transportation Battalion, said the accident was the most dangerous event he had seen in several months working at Shu'aiba Port.

The Army is investigating the incident.

### REPORTERS' NOTEBOOK

Jon Anderson, Jason Chudy and Seth Robson

Share your stories: Stars and Stripes is looking for offbeat stories, ideas and photos to run in its notebook section. To submit an idea or photograph, please e-mail it to news@mail.estripes.osd. mil. Every submission must include the name of the person sending the e-mail and a phone number to verify the information. If including a photograph, please include the photographer's name, contact information, date the photo was taken and a short sentence describing what's in the photo.

## **Challenges of chow in the war zones**

#### **Unlikely fare**

BAGHDAD — One of the International Zone's most popular eateries doesn't serve Army chow or Iraoi fare.

It serves Chinese food

The restaurant specializes in spicy Sichuan dishes, the owner being from that south-central province.

"People ask why we came here," the restaurant's Chinese cashier said. "They say, 'It's so dangerous, why did you come here and make this business?"

The reason was simple: There wasn't another Sichuan restaurant in Baghdad.

Between 150 and 200 soldiers and civilians move through the restaurant each day, grabbing orders of Chinese food or pizza.

"We don't have ... stuff like this where we are," said 1st Sgt. William Tager of the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment. Tager is based at Camp Head-

hunter and was eating at the restaurant for the first time.

"It breaks up the monotony of eating good of Army chow," he said, drawing agreement from his

#### Fast food comes slow

two table mates.

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD. Af-



PHOTOS BY JASON CHUDT

Sgt. 1st Class Larry Storer, right, of the 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment of the Washington state Army National Guard, finishes his Chinese lunch in Baghdad's International Zone. Behind him is 1st Sgt. William Tager of the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment.

ghanistan — For months now, the blue Burger King trailer has sat vacant next to the field post exchange at Kandahar Airfield, its

much-anticipated grand opening nowhere in sight.

Instead, it just sits there, taunting the GIs like some desert mi-

super-duper-size Whopper alongre, tauntside a towering icy Coke and sert mifries.
"It just tastes better," teases

the sign.

At least one chow hall-weary prankster, however, decided if he couldn't have it his way, he could at least pretend.

rage - a mirage sporting a

Suddenly, fliers popped up throughout the airfield proclaiming BK's imminent opening, complete with \$1 Whoppers. "Mmmmm...," the fliers read.

The brass wasn't happy and made sure the fliers were ripped down almost as quickly as they went up.

went up.

"The flyers which are being placed around KAF regarding the grand opening of Burger King are a farce and should be disregard," wrote Capt. Bryan Klatt in a basewide e-mail. Clearly no fan of fast food frivolity, Klatt wanted names in the combat zone caper. individuals who are responsible for this blatant disregard for their fellow soldiers' morale, should be directed to base operations," wrote Klatt.

Not everyone saw the pranks in such dire terms, though. "I thought it was hilarious,"

said one sergeant, "that someone would take the time to poke a little fun; it actually improved my morale."

Army and Air Force Exchange officials say they do not know when the Burger King will open.

#### Mineral water showers

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait -

Cleopatra bathed in milk — 2nd Infantry Division soldiers in Kuwait are bathing in pure mineral water from the Dibdiba Formation of northern Kuwait

Mineral water showers were soldiers' solution to a broken pump on one of the shower units at Camp Buehring, where 2nd ID's 2nd Brigade Combat Team — the Strikeforce — is preparing to deploy to Iraq.

Soldiers, including Strikeforce commander Col. Gary S. Patton, washed off in the Rawdalain natural mineral water that they normally drink.

The water comes from the Rawdalain field north of Kuwait and is characterized by its purity and natural mineral properties, according to information on the bottles.

" ... collected from rainfalls ... thru the ages, in the Dibdiba Formation," state the bottle labels.

A good mineral water shower requires two bottles. First, pour the contents of one bottle onto the body, then lather up with soap, and lastly wash off with the other bottle.

The persistent sunlight and 120-degree heat at Camp Buehring ensure mineral water showers are as warm as regular show-

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Petty Officer 1st Class Art
Castillo takes a photograph of
Petty Officer 2nd Class Curtis
Sutherland, who leans out of the
Grossed-swords monument in
Baghdad. The two, along with
Petty Officer 1st Class Michael
Miller and Petty Officer 3rd Class
Oscar Reyesramos, spent a day in
Baghdad's International Zone,
touring the area's monuments.



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## **Old Glory's absence angers some troops**

## Others approve of ban on flying flag, cite sensitivity to Iraqis' perceptions

By JASON CHUDY Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD - Troops are every where on Camp Victory in Baghdad, and there's a post office, a Burger King and a large post exchange. Everything screams that the U.S. Army is in town.

Everything is there, that is, except for the U.S. flag flying from the



large large pres-ence of U.S. forces, milirules have prohibited the flying of Old Glory in Iraq since April 2003. may fly, display, post or place the U.S. flag in, on or over vehicles. command posts, captured equip-

Despite the

uments or any other location in Iraq." wrote Coalition Press Information Center officials in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes The policy receives either understanding approval or harsh criticism from troops in Iraq, who nearly all have U.S. flags sewn on their shoulders as part of the

ment, structures, buildings, mon-

"That's

(Iragis)

[expletive]." said Spc. Starlet Loftice of the 57th Signal Battalion when she read the reg-"It's ulation. not like they

don't know we're here "Why wouldn't we be able to fly our flag?" asked Maj. Rob Cunniff of the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, in Kuwait preparing to head into Irag. "We are American soldiers. We wear the flag on our right shoulder every day, and it reminds us of the freedoms we

protect." think they should have them because it is U.S.-secured area said 2nd ID Jose Martinez of the 1st Battal-503rd Parachute In-

fantry Regi-



the people of Iraq. They should have respect for our flag, as we do

Coalition officials counter that the reason for the lack of U.S flags flying on the bases is simple Displaying the American flag

counters the perception that we are liberators and partners for Iraqi's future security and stability,



lic display of the U.S. flag in Iraq creates false per ceptions and unfounded suspicions

that U.S. forces intend to nermanently

occupy Iraq." Others agree with the policy. 'To us, it's (flown for) pride," said Capt. Elena Raspitha of the 226th Medical Battalion. "To the Iraqis, they could see it as we're occupiers and want to stay."

"Maybe they'll see it as we're conquerors," said Spc. Sixto Garcia of the 301st Military Police Brigade. "When we put the flag on the moon it basically said 'We



Coalition officials also wrote that the flying of the U.S. flag could be used as propaganda by enemy

Sabbar

forces Iraqi ven-

agreed and said, through an interpreter: "It would make people more angry. It would be beautiful if they could put up the Iraqi flag to show that U.S. forces are here to serve Iraq.

Walking through the International Zone, Spc. Dale Wade, a Pennsylvania National Guards man with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 103rd Ar-



ment, understands how the Iraqis might perceive the flving of the flag as signifving permanence "Yes, may-

mored Regi-

be a might." few said. "But some actually fly the American flag themselves Like many National Guard units, Wade's company has been flying its home state's flag.

Others think that flags should be flown in selected areas. "I think flags should be flown on base camps, but if there are other places where it would be consid-

ered offen. then. said Maj. Eric Albertson, 2nd Battalion, ID, 2nd Strikeforce

chaplain. 'Americans have always been sensitive to the countries in which they

are living. "I think yes, because it is our camp and we are just letting peonle know that there are U.S. soldiers inside," said Sgt. Joe Ramos, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade, 2nd ID. "If it is a building we take over, I don't think so."

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## Afghan voter registration closes with millions signed up

BY JON R. ANDERSON Stare and Strings

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan -Voter registration for Afghanistan's historic presidential elections closed Sunday with U.S. and Afghan officials hailing the effort as a success, despite continuing violence throughout the country.

More than 9 million people registered to cast their ballots in the Oct. 9 polls, the first nationwide elections since the Talihan were ousted nearly three years ago.

"The surge in registration that has taken place throughout the country has to be a very vivid demonstration of the Afghan people's determination to make democracy work "said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld in a news conference in the capital Kabul last week.

United Nations officials estimate that 90 percent of eligible voters are now registered, with 41 nercent of those women

elections have pushed back twice largely due to security concerns and delays in the registration process, particularly in the southern regions. Militants have killed at least 12 registrars in the process and villages have been peppered with "night letters" threatening to kill anyone participating in the elections.

To help curb the violence, the U.S. forces launched Operation Lightning Resolve to shore up the last push in registration efforts.

U.S. units have been providing security for U.N. registration teams in areas still considered Taliban safe havens. Despite almost daily firefights, ambushes and roadside homb attacks those efforts appear to have paid off.

"Two months ago, the general consensus was that voter registration could not go on in [southern Afghanistan], it's too dangerous, Col. Richard Pedersen told about 200 tribal elders and provincial of-ficials gathered in Kandahar last

Regardless, he said, "we have registered about 1 million people in the five southern provinces, where they said it couldn't be

Pedersen, who commands the U.S. task force charged with overseeing southern Afghanistan, encouraged the leaders to follow a ew initiative offered by Kandahar's governor, Yousaf Pashtun, to begin developing regional plans across southern Afghanistan's five provinces

"I encourage you all to become teammates and follow the team captain here," said Pedersen with a nod toward Pashtun.

Laying out the plan, Pashtun appeared to reach out to Taliban followers who might be ready to join ranks with the central government, while at the same time underscoring that the Taliban's influence will wane with the coming elections

"We know that not all Taliban



A man gives his name to get his voter registration card Sunday as a group of eligible men wait to receive their ID registration cards at a mosque in Kabul, Afghanistan. The men are registering to take part in their country's upcoming presidential election. More than 9 million Afghans have signed up for the election. according to U.N. figures released on Sunday, the last official day for registration.

are terrorists. Conversely, not all terrorists are Taliban," said Pash-"We also know that merely holding a democratic election will not destroy either the Taliban or terrorists. However, the success of the upcoming elections will destroy their hopes of influence in our region."

That's fine, said many in attendance, but repeatedly they said Taliban raids and pervasive lack of security undermine any progress

"The real problem is security," said one tribal elder from Uruzgan province.

When a government official was sent to the elder's region to help find drinking water and irrigation sources, the Taliban killed

"You are talking about all these plans and all these projects, but you don't have a plan to fix the se-

"Security is a problem," said Pashtun. "But at the same time we cannot wait for 100 percent security before we start any projects. One of the reasons for lack of security is lack of development," he said.

It was this kind of dialog that military officials were hoping to see come of the gathering.

"We're now at a point where we have to start looking past the elections," said Capt. Todd Schmidt, an aide to Pedersen. "We need to get people talking about their future. Help them build a vision. Even as officials were return-

ing from the daylong gathering Friday, two U.N. election officials were killed in Uruzgan province when their convoy was attacked by Taliban insurgents.

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## **Retired Army officer readies for the mountain**

### At 61. IMA-Europe worker trains for nearly 100-mile race in French Alps

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Rainer Schulz

- and finish -

BY LISA HORN Stars and Stripes

A quote above Rainer Schulz's desk could be a summary of his approach to life: "It's your life. Fill it up."

When he's not working at Installation Management Agency-Eu-rope as the chief of the residual value section-real estate, Schulz, 61, spends every free moment running, inline skating, cycling or

kayaking All this time spent on training is for a much larg er goal: to compete in ultra-marathons (anything longer than the standard 26-mile marathon) and all-night marathons, which can last for days at a time and may be nearly 100 miles. "Most of my

ical sports activity," said the retired lieutenant colonel, who is Berlin Schulz became a IIS citizen and served in the for 25

time off is in phys-

A person can train physically only to a certain point, he said, and any race of 30 miles or more requires a person to be in excellent condition

"But after that, it's all in your mind," Schulz said. Before 1993, Schulz had never

run more than about six miles at one time. But after a friend got him interested in marathon running, it was all uphill from there. Schulz joined a team of amateur 30-something athletes to compete in adventure racing - pic-ture an extreme version of the

"Survivor" TV series. In the Scottish Highlands, Siciand Finland, Schulz and his team of four to five men and women would run, hike, rappel, inline skate, canoe and even rone their way across gushing rivers.

"All you get is a map with a gen-eral route," he said. "You have to have a compass and be able to

read a map And be able to o without sleep

for hours on end. "We slept in a parking lot for 48 hours and hiked for 48 hours after that," he said of a seven-day adventure race in Scandinavia.

Schulz hopes to achieve an individual goal that he has been training for all year - to finish a nearly 100-mile night marathon around the base of Mont Blanc the in French Alps. The

race, which requires climbs of the Mont Blanc Run more than 26,000 feet, begins in France and goes

into Italy and Switzerland. "He's an inspiration," said Schulz's supervisor, Ilse Merry-man, chief of real estate at IMA-E. "I don't know anyone who can look at a mountain and

can go, 'Hmm, maybe I can climb Schulz competed at the Mont

Blanc Run last year, but after nine hours, he succumbed to the harsh, wet weather and bowed



Schulz is chief of the value section-real estate at Installation Management

Agency-Europe. He spends most of his spare time training for ultra-marathons. His next event, at the end of the month, is the Mont Blanc Run a nearly 100-mile race around the base of a mountain in the

French Alns Age: 61 Family: Wife, Brigitte Hometown: Heidelberg.

out after running about 75 miles Of the roughly 600 participants, only 67 people finished the race. chulz is confident he can finish the race this year.

"I think I'm fairly strong-willed," he said. "It might be really, really painful when you're doing it, but when you're done, you're like on cloud nine

When you're physically challenged like that, some of our problems don't appear to be that big.

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Rainer Schulz, a retired Army officer and Installation Management Agency-Europe employee, finishes a marathon in Biel, Switzerland, rlier this year. He will compete at the end of August at the Mont Blanc Run, a nearly 100-mile race beginning in Chamonix, France.

## Crash prompts Marines on Okinawa to ground CH-53s

BY DAVID ALLEN Stars and Stripes

GINOWAN, Okinawa - U.S have grounded all CH-53 helicopters on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in the wake of Friday's crash of a Sea Stallion medium-lift helicopter into a university building.
"All CH-53 helicopters will be

grounded until a safety inspec-tion is complete," 2nd Lt. Antony Andrious, public affairs officer for Marines on Okinawa, said Sunday. He said other types of helicopters would continue to fly and the CH-53s would be put back into service as each completes the safety check.

Three crew members were injured, one seriously, when the helicopter crashed Friday afternoon some 330 yards from the fence line to the Marine air station. Witnesses say they saw the tail rotor blade detach from the aircraft and the helicopter then zigzag as it lost altitude, before crashing into the side of the university's administration building.

No civilians were reported injured. Aircraft debris was discovered throughout a nearby residential district. The helicopter fell to the ground at the base of the school building, then burst into flames in a series of explosions.

The CH-53D helicopter was attached to Marine Medium Helicop-ter Squadron 265. The crew members were from Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, and have been on Okinawa since April as part of the six-month

Unit Deployment Program. Their unit, Marine Heavy Squadron 463, is due to rerun to Hawaii in the fall.

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## **USAEUR Land Combat Expo slated for September**

BY KENT HARRIS

Stars and Strings

Those interested in learning more about the conflict in Iraq and the role that Europe-based soldiers have played in it should circle their calendars now

U.S. Army Europe's Land Combat Expo 2004 not only will feature a star-studded array of speakers, but will showcase some of the equipment and soldiers who have spent time in the desert.

"People can come in and see the equipment we're using to perform our mis sions," said Maj. Tammy McKenna, one of those planning the Sept. 28-30 exposition at Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg,

And those attending - all U.S. military identification card holders and their guests are eligible - have a chance to hear from dozens of soldiers who have served in Iraq. McKenna said there will be several sessions featuring soldiers who fought in specific engagements in Iraq. They'll talk about the fights, the lessons they learned and the training and procedures that have resulted. Soldiers from the 1st Armored Division and Southern European Task Force (Airborne) will be among those talking. Visitors to the exhibition will have a chance to ask them questions.

That's also the case for the high-profile appearances of some of the military's top leaders. Marine Gen. James L. Jones and Army Gen. John P. Abizaid, the European Command and Central Command commanders respectively, are scheduled to speak. So are Gen. B.B. Bell, the USAREUR commander, and Lt. Gen. William Wallace and Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, who led V Corps and Coalition Joint Task Force 7 efforts in Iraq. Mai. Gen. Martin Dempsey. the 1st AD commander, and Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno, the 4th Infantry Division commander, also are included in the



Howard Aran, left, of the military history unit Pershing's Doughboys, shows a Thompson submachine gun to Spc. Jesse Garcia, center, and Spc. Bertin Salgado, both members of the 1st Infantry Division, during the U.S. Army Europe's Land Combat Expo 2003 in Heidelberg, Germany. This year's three-day expo is slated for Sept. 28-30 in Heidelberg.

In addition to American participation, NATO allies Great Britain, Germany, Poland and Italy are all set to display equipment or field booths.

Current equipment and technology won't be the only focuses, though. Some of

the gadgetry the military is hoping to field in the future also will be on display. Included among that will be the next line of Meals, Ready to Eat that visitors will be able to sample

The exhibition is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each of the three days. Admission is

McKenna said there will be more vendors and displays this year and attendance is also expected to rise from previous

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F. C. Hilliard, So glad to hear from you, Son. Got the second letter recently. Have taken note of the new mailing address for packages. Just sent small package with eye drops (2), chap sticks (2), and travel-size toiletries, sm. amount. A few "goodies", news, pictures from George W. and his letter. I don't have any idea how long it will take to reach you, but I trust it will. There was no letter in this package because I had no time to prepare one; there has been problems for the supplies units this week, as you may already know. We were so glad to get your letters. The last one was especially good. And does set our minds at ease more, (but you are still in the midst of WAR), so we will continue to pray and in agreement for your safety. We continue to pray in earnest for you, and wait at home to hear from you personally, some day soon we hope, when things settle down. And of course, eager to see you home. Dad is getting a little better at a time with weather improving. Also, he has cut his stress level some by staying "on-duty" in the "ole' bag house". I am doing what I can to help and encourage all loved ones. Staying tuned to CNN---although not always correct in the reporting, the eager ambition to cover soon and as much as possible makes up for the errors.

Your daddy is on his way to bed now, I asked him what to say to you. He says, "Be careful, and I love you". I will prepare a letter to send by regular mail delivery soon, with family/friends type news; that way I know you will be receiving some things from some source, even if not all is of it delivered in a timely manner. Much love, continued hope and prayers for you and all who work and serve with you; We are all in agreement. God Bless You, Keep You, Help You and Protect You, ALL. Sweet Wishes!!!!! And, God's Speed. Love and Pride, Always! Mom; Chyrl W. Hilliard.

Hi Son, Kerri told me she's got to talk to you a couple of times. I've sent you a letter and a CD with pictures. Grandma and aunts have sent you 3 boxes. It'll be like Christmas when it gets there! Take care, stay safe, and I love you. Mom

We want to extend our prayers and grattitued for all that you are doing to asure not only for our safety but our freedom . We suport you 100% . Sherri

### UK directors making documentary on U.S. Army defector in N. Korea

BY STEPHANIE HOO

The Associated Press

BEIJING - A British film crew says it has found the last American defector still living in North Korea — a U.S. Army private who crossed over to the Stalinist state in 1962 and says he is glad he did. Pvt. James Dresnok lives in the

capital Pyongyang, where he says he likes his "simple life." said filmmaker Nicholas Bonner, who met him there in May and plans to make a documentary about him. "To us he's the most fascinating

character because he's there." Bonner said Sunday. The U.S. military has said that Dresnok, from Norfolk, Va., left

the Army in August 1962 at age The film crew met with Dresnok and with Charles Jenkins, an accused U.S. Army deserter from

North Carolina who has since left North Korea for Japan. "We were under the supervision of the North Korean mili-tary," Dresnok told the filmmak-

ers, according to their news release. "They took good care of us and they requested us to teach English to military personnel."

Dresnok and Jenkins told the filmmakers that two other American servicemen had died in North Korea of natural causes — Pvt. Larry A. Abshier of Urbana, Ill., who the U.S. military says went missing from his unit in May 1962 at age 19, and Cpl. Jerry W. Parrish of Morganfield, Ky., who is ac-cused of deserting in December 1963 at age 19.

Jenkins has told officials in Japan that two American servicemen he knew in North Korea had died and that one still lives there. according to Japanese news re-

Bonner and fellow filmmaker Daniel Gordon plan to film interviews with Dresnok in September, following an agreement with

the North Korean government.

Dresnok remains "shrouded in the most mystery," Bonner said in Beijing, where he is based. "He's the man no one knew about

'I did not want to stay in DPRK at first," Dresnok told the film crew, referring to North Korea by the initials of its formal name.

wanted to go to Russia," he said.
"Having crossed, after a few months, I began thinking it over and decided to remain," he is quot-

ed as saying "I'm glad I did, because about

10 years ago, Russia changed from socialism to capitalism. If I was in Russia right now, I would be out of work," he said. "It would be the same if I returned to America. I find it more convenient to live among peaceful people, living a simple life."

## **Allied invasion of southern France recalled**

## Vets honored at 60th anniversary

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER Stars and Strings

DRAGUIGNAN, France
we after wave of Allied troops had
stormed the shores of
southern France by
the time then-U.S. Army Capt.
Francis Even arrived that hot August afternon.

During World War II, Even was in charge of getting some 200 tanks and vehicles off the assault cargo ship USS Oberon for a mission called Operation Dragoon. He helped prepare his men to unload the equipment and watched them leave the ship to face an entenched German army in much the same way Allied forces invaded Normandy on D-Day.

Sixty years to the day he stepped foot on the beach, he hasn't forgotten the horror that greeted him: the mangled body of a young infantry soldier who had been carrying a 45-caliber submachine gun and a weapons belt full of extra magazines.





HOTOS BY SCOTT SCHONAUER/Stars and Stripes

Left: Military veteran Gene Frice kneels before a grave at Rhone American Cemetery in Draguignan, France. About 1,500 Americans and French at the cemetery on Saturday commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Allied landing in southern France. Right: U.S. Marines from the Rota, Spain-based Marine Corps Security Force Company Europe bow their heads during the ceremony's invocation.

"He was apparently struck in those magazines, and I'm afraid it kind of opened him up," Even said. "That's the first thing I saw when I came ashore"

when I came ashore."

Hundreds of U.S. and Allied troops died trying to drive the

Rhone holds special meaning

to Istres, France-based airman

Nazis out of southern France during the Battle of Provence. Many of the casualties were killed the first couple of days of the assault. On the 60th anniversary of the

On the 60th anniversary of the landing, French and American war veterans and active-duty servicemembers Saturday evening commemorated the beginning of the historic invasion, which some people call the "forgotten Normandy." They also honored the fallen during a formal ceremony

tallen during a formal ceremony at Rhone American Cemetery and Memorial, where 861 Ameri-

cans are buried.

The Draguignan ceremony is one of several planned through-

one of several planned throughout southern France and the hundreds planned throughout the country.

The U.S. military is participating in many of them. At Rhone, sailors and Martines from Naval Station Rota, Spain, and airmen from the 774th Expeditionary Air Base Group in Istres served as honor guard. French army officer students from the nearby artillery school also served as honor guard.

The invasion and ensuing battle up the Rhone Valley has always been overshadowed in history books and war documentaries by the Normandy assault, but the landing proved crucial to the liberation of France from the Germans.

Adm. Gregory Johnson, commander of U.S. naval forces in Europe, reminded veterans during the ceremony of the significance of their achievement, quoting Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the supreme allied commander at the time

"There was no development of that period which added more decisively to our advantages or aided us more in accomplishing the final and complete defeat of the [German] forces than this secondary attack coming up the Rhone Valley," Eisenhower said.

SCOTT SCHONAUER/Store and Sta

Air Force Master Sgt. David Zibell, a member of the 774th Expeditionary Air Base Group in Istres, France, stands Saturday beside his grandfather's grave at Rhone American Cemetery.

The city paid for the lodging and meals for Rota, Spain-based sailors and Marines, who served as part of the ceremony's honor guard. After Saturday evening's ceremony, when the group went to a special, outdoor dinner in the middle of the city, the residents gave them a friendly ovation.

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#### A southern D-Day?

Allied war planners began thinking about taking southern France in August 1943. They had originally wanted to launch attacks at Normandy and southern France simultaneously, but American factories couldn't build enough landing craft and they had to scrap the idea.

After the Normandy invasion in June, Navy ships transported the D-Day landing craft to the Mediterranean Sea in preparation for the southern invasion. On the eve of the attack, assault units landed to protect the flanks of the invasion areas on the beach. As an Allied armada of 500 warships bombed German forces, the U.S. 3rd, 36th and 45th divisions of the U.S. VI Corps attacked areas from St. Tropaz to St. Raphael.

On Aug. 15, 1944, at 4:30 a.m., several thousand paratroops landed around Le Muy.

Gene Frice, a paratrooper with the 517th Parachute Regiment, was one of them. He landed in the hills with the British, far away from his unit. Many of the soldiers in his unit had not seen much combat and they were ner-

"Hell, I was always scared," Frice said. "Being frightened makes a better soldier out of you. If you're not frightened, you're not doing much."

The toughest part wasn't the landing, but the drive up north as they chased the fleeing German army, he said. Troops went weeks with only limited equipment and food. As they pushed forward, new soldiers joined the unit to replace the casualties. The replacements often died before they got to know their new squad.

"When you found that people were being killed before you even learned what their name was, I mean that's tragic," Frice said. "The good die young, they say. And I found that to be true."

The fighting got tougher as they got into the mountains. When Frice heard one of his best friends was killed, he said his youthful invincibility vanished. He worried he could meet the

"When I found out he had died, I think it made me think, you know, life is fragile," said Frice, now 78. "You realize you're living not on borrowed time but fragile ground."

#### A chaotic first day

Patrick Heagerty, a sergeant at the time, arrived on the beach with the second wave and didn't meet much resistance.

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His grandfather, Richard McFarland, is buried at Rhone American Cemetery and Memorial, which hosted a ceremony in honor of those who participated in the historic invasion.

Zibell—attached to the Phoenix-based 161st Aeri-la Refueling Wing, an Air National Guard unit deployed to Istres, France—was able to see his grandfather's grave for the third time. He first made a trip to the cemetery in 1977.

The 12-acre cemetery, 28 miles from Cannes, is on the eastern edge of the city of Draguignan on Kennedy Boluevard and is the final resting place for 861 Americans who died in the battle. White Italian marble crosses and Stars of David mark each grave, which is immaculately maintained.

"Every time you come here you're just awe-

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

DRAGUIGNAN, France - U.S. servicemembers

consider it an honor to travel to southern France

and participate in Saturday's 60th anniversary of the Battle of Provence. But the event has a special

meaning to Air Force Master Sgt. David Zibell.

struck," said Zibell, 47, of Gilbert, Ariz. His grandfather was a glider pilot and died during

His grandfather was a glider pilot and died during the landing portion of the invasion early in the battle. Zibell said he was told that his grandfather was nicknamed "Pappy" because he was 31 years old, an elder to many of the 19- and 20-year-old soldiers who served during World War II. Zibell has had the opportunity to participate in

other World War II ceremonies in France since his unit is in Istres for a 90-day deployment. At one of the ceremonies, he became friends with a local Frenchman. On Saturday, Zibell was surprised to see his new friend with a bouquet of roses for his grandfather's grave.

"The French are very grateful," Zibell said.
"They've treated us really well every where we go."
While disagreements over the war in Iraq be-

While disagreements over the war in Iraq between the United States and France has strained relations between the two allies, U.S. servicemembers were surprised to find how well they were received during their visit.





Far left: U.S. veterans who received France's highest military honor, the Legion of Merit, attend a ceremony Saturday at Rhone American Cemetery in Draguignan, France. Left: A U.S. sailor from Naval Station Rota, Spain, salutes during the national anthem at Saturday's ceremony.

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PHOTOS BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

## Ceremony: France awards 10 vets Legion of Merit

CEREMONY, FROM PAGE 10

Heagerty said what he remembers most about the landing is the scattered gas masks on the shore. Soldiers had to bring the masks in case of a gas attack, but infamtrymen found them cumbersome and ditched them as soon as they landed. His squad landed at St. Tropaz.

Between 40,000 and 60,000 U.S. soldiers stormed the beaches in addition to French and British troops. Some 450,000 men took part in the invasion, and soldiers often got separated from their units in the chaotic landing.

Soon after hitting the beach, Heagerty's unit thought it spotted a group of German soldiers. But they turned out to be American paratroops. "We almost shot the hell out of them," he said.

As the days went by and his unit moved farther north up the Rhone Valley, the weather got colder and the fighting got more intense. "My own personal attitude is after a while, jeez, I wanted to get out of there. But you can't run away, obviously," he said.

#### Final respects

The U.S. VI Corps continued to push north. On Sept. 11, the U.S. 7th Army met up with the 3rd Army from Normandy. In less than a month, U.S. troops that stormed southern France had traveled 400 miles and had isolated the remaining German troops in southwest France.

After the war, Even would go to law school and become a lawyer. He is semi-retired now. Although it has been six decades since he landed in southern France as an Army officer, the lifeless body of the young infantryman on the beach is what he

remembers most about that day.

He and a group of veterans traveled from the United States to take part in the Draguignan ceremony and tour several of the old battlegrounds around southern

Many of the veterans are in their late 70s and early 80s. His trip to France might be his last time to pay his respects to the friends who died and those like the unknown soldier he saw on the shore.

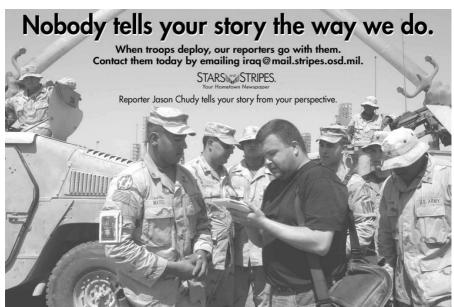
"Well, it's kind of a last hurrah," he said

of the trip. "I'm 83. I'll be 84 in three weeks. I doubt very much I would be coming to any such thing again."

Fewer veterans are attending annual commemoration ceremonies at overseas cemeteries because of old age. As a special tribute to a fading group of former warriors, France awarded 10 U.S. veterans with the Legion of Merit, the country's equivalent to the Medal of Honor.

Michelle Alliot-Marie, France's minister of defense, pinned the prestigious medal on Even, Heagerty and the other veterans in attendance during Saturday's ceremony. "It's an exceptional hour for me, "Heagerty said. "Tm surprised they gave it to me. Al tot of guys deserve it."

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### IN THE STATES

## Fla. residents take in Charley's aftermath

BY BRENDAN FARRINGTON The Associated Press

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. - As the remnants of Hurricane Charley gland coast on Sunday, Florida residents began the massive task of cleaning up from a storm that state officials estimated caused damage as high as \$11 billion for

insured homes alone. Florida officials raised the death toll attributed to Charley from 13 to 16. No details on the additional deaths were immediately

Lenida Caponera, who fled her home on Easy Street in Port Charlotte as the storm approached, re-turned to find it completely destroyed

"You can go from house to house, it's all this way," she said as she picked up a pillowcase, one of the few things on her lawn she could find that was not ruined.

Chad Maxwell shoveled up soggy ceiling tiles and shattered glass Sunday from the floor of the real estate office where he works in Punta Gorda. Looking at the coffee shop next door, which lost its second floor, and a florist with only one wall standing, he de-scribed his impression of downtown: "Beirut."

"It looks like a bomb zone. Everything's gone. Everything's tore up," he said.

The Rev. Lerov Martin set up two dozen chairs and laid Bibles on them outside his small Punta Gorda church, unsure whether the darkened building was safe



A crumpled Cessna airplane sits upside down against a building Sunday morning at the Port Charlotte Airport in Port Charlotte, Fla. Hurricane Charley flipped several planes at the airport.

"I guess it is at a time like this when you realize the significance of spiritual values when everything else has blown away," Mar-

The hardest-hit areas appeared to be Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte in Charlotte County, though the Federal Emergency Management Agency declared 25 counties eligible for disaster aid after the worst hurricane to hit Florida in a dozen years

As a weakened Charley churned up the East Coast and

was downgraded Sunday to a tropical depression, emergency officials pronounced it the worst hurricane to wallop Florida since Hurricane Andrew tore through in 1992. Twenty-six deaths were directly linked to Andrew, which caused \$19.9 billion in insured property losses.

The luxury vacation haven of North Captiva Island, which can be reached only by air and boat, was divided in two by Charley's storm surge, creating a new inlet that appears to be several hundred vards long. Lee County spokesman Pat O'Rourke said. The island's main road was submerged, but the extent of damage to homes was not determined. State officials said it was impos-

sible to estimate the number of missing people, and downed power lines and debris made the task of searching for bodies "tedious and dangerous," said Mike McHargue, director of investigations for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement

An initial damage estimate of \$5

the value of homes and insurance policies in the storm's path, said Tami Torres, a spokeswoman for state Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher, Uninsured homes, business losses and damage to automobiles were not included.

Thirty-one mobile-home parks in Charlotte County sustained major damage, some with more than 1,000 units, said Bob Carpenter, a sheriff's spokesman. He said teams were sent to each park to search for bodies and survivors, but "we just couldn't get the vehicles in - there is so much de-Charley cut northeast across

Florida, hit open ocean and made landfall again at South Carolina's Grand Strand resort region Saturday. The weakened but still-powerful system moved into North Carolina and up the eastern seaboard At 11 a.m. EDT Sunday, Char-

ley's center was east of Massachu-setts' Cape Cod and moving northeast at about 30 mph. It was downgraded from a tropical storm Sunday, with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph.

The storm knocked out power in the Carolinas and caused some flooded streets and power outages in Virginia, but caused little damage when it passed up the

In Florida, Charley knocked out power to an estimated 2 million people as it hit southwest Florida as a Category 4 storm, nummeling the coast with winds reaching 145 mph and a surge of sea water of 13 feet to 15 feet.

### Bush views hurricane damage

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BY DEB RIECHMANN The Associated Press

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. - Ma-

rine One flew low over demol-ished houses, downed power lines and uprooted palm trees here Sunday to give Presi-State officials

dent Bush a bird's eye view of the destruction caused when Hur-Charley ricane roared through southwest Florida city.

"A lot of peo-

ple's lives are turned upside down." Bush said. standing next to his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. on a residential street in Punta Gorda visited Bush

the state to assess the damage two

days after declaring Florida a major disaster area. State officials said early estimates of the hurricane's residential property damage ranged from \$5 billion to \$11 billion.

"We've got ice and water moving in, trailers for people to live in are moving in," Bush said, standing in the steamy, midday heat.

"The state is providing security so that people can have peace of

mind that their neighborhoods

Bush said federal assistance was being rushed to the area. After Hurricane Andrew hit Florida in 1992, claiming 26 lives and causing nearly \$20 billion in insured property losses, there were complaints that

> was deployed too slowly "We're moving a lot of aid very quickly," Bush said. "All I can tell you is that FEMA (Federal Emergen-Management Agency) was on the ground yester-

federal assistance

day morning and there's a lot of supplies surging this way. Later. Rush's motorcade drove through down

town Punta Gorda, where buildings were missing roofs, fences were flattened and palm trees were already being cut into chunks for removal.

Asked whether his quick trip to Florida carried political undertones, Bush replied: "And if I didn't come, they would have said he should have been here more rapidly.

Just wanted to send a note to all my fellow Sailors; Keep up the great work. As a retired EWC, I pray that all you come home safe and sound and applaud you for the fantastic jobs you're doing. I know I speak for many, many Americans when I say; "God Bless you all and God bless America!!" Robert J. Reinig, Sr., USNR-Ret

As a mother of three young boys, I salute you for willing to lay down your lives so that my sons can enjoy the freedom we sometimes take for granted. To the mothers of the sons and daughters fighting so valiantly, thank you for raising your children to stand for their country's freedom and for bravely letting your children go to protect us and our families God Bless! United We Stand! Christine Schubert

You are in my thoughts and in my prayers. You are so very brave, braver that i would ever be. I wish for a swift resolution and a quick return to the US to be once more among your loved ones. Please be as safe as you possibly can. Brigitte

TO OUR AMERICAN AND BRITISH FRIENDS: THANK YOU AND MAY GOD TRULY BLESS EACH ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR PRESI-DENT AND THE NATION, YOU ALL REMAIN IN OUR PRAYERS THAT THE LORD WILL KEEP HIS PROTECTIVE HAND UPON YOU AND FOR A SAFE AND OUICK RETURN HOME. WE SUPPORT YOU!!!!!! YOUR FRIENDS, THE BREIL FAMILY. PSALM 31:24

East Coast.

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my family and i watch your faces on ty all day and night, i am supporting you by only sleeping four hours every twenty.Our hearts are with you.

## Democrat: Trying to block Goss Israeli man denies approval 'wrong fight' for party

BY LEIGH STROPE The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee warned fellow Democrats in the Senate on Sunday against trying to block the nomination of Rep. Porter Goss as CIA director, saying that would be picking the wrong fight in this election year.

Democrats should ask tough questions of Goss,

R-Fla., at Senate confirmation hearings next month, but "my view is this is the wrong fight," Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif., said on NBC's "Meet the

"To get stuck in a fight about Porter Goss after tough questions are asked of Porter Goss is not where we want to be this fall," said Harman, who has no vote on the matter because the Senate confirms presidential nominees

Goss resigned as chairman of the House intelligence panel last week after Presi-

dent Bush nominated him to replace George Tenet Harman said Congress should move swiftly to push through recommendations from the Sept. 11

commission, including creating a new national intelligence director.

Bush "missed an opportunity" for intelligence re-

form by nominating Goss as permanent CIA director, she said. Many Democrats have criticized the selection of

Goss, saying he is inappropriately partisan for a job that requires relaying objective advice to policy makers in the executive and legislative branches.

But Democrats also are mindful of the 2002 congressional elections in which the White House and Republicans put them in a political box regarding creation of the new Homeland Security Department.

Democrats opposed the Bush administration's demand that some federal workers lose long-held civil service protections. But the GOP convinced many voters that Democrats were blocking important legislation to protect the country - even though the new department began as a Democratic plan.

Members of both parties returned from their August recess last week to attend hearings on the findings of the 9/11 commission, which in late July released a scathing report on pre-Sept. 11, 2001, intelligence gathering, citing multiple failures

Senate leaders want to enact changes the report suggested by the first week in October

"It is an election year, but this issue transcends politics and terrorists do not wait," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. He said on "Meet the Press" that he thinks al-Qaida is "going to go back to heavy motorized explosions," maybe even airplanes, in planning an attack, "because that's what they do best

The threat of another attack before the election spurred Goss' nomination.

to officers.

# having affair with gay N.J. governor

PLUSHNICK-MASTI The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Israeli man at the center of New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey's resignation over a gay affair said in an interview published Sunday that he is straight and had no idea at first that his hoss is a homosevu-

Golan Cipel told the Israeli daily newspaper Yediot Ahronot that McGreevey repeatedly made unwanted advances. Cinel said he informed the governor at one point that he planned to sue him for sevual harassment and that lawyers were negotiating a settle-ment when McGreevey resigned last week.

"It doesn't bother me that it is said I am gay, but I really am not. I'm straight. On the other hand, to accuse me of being an extortion-ist? Someone here has lost his mind," Cipel was quoted as tell-ing Yediot from New York.

McGreevey, who is married, announced his resignation Thurs-day, acknowledging that he is gay and had an affair with a man.

Sources within the McGreevey administration named Cipel as the lover and said he had demand-ed millions of dollars to stay

In a news conference Friday. Cipel's attorneys denied the claims, saying McGreevey's attor-ney had offered to pay if Cipel didn't file a lawsuit. Allen Lowy, one of Cipel's attorneys, did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press seeking

comment. McGreevev and Cipel met in

March 2000 during a visit by the governor to Israel. In 2002, the governor to Israel. In 2002, the governor appointed Cipel as New Jersey's \$110,000-a-year home-land security adviser without a background check or official an-nouncement. The appointment drew criticism, and Cipel was re-

months later and after soon left government The Israeli

assigned

reporter, Yair Lapid, inter who viewed Cinel Yediot, said the 35-year-old spoke rapidthrough

out the interview and appeared frightened and emotional ightened and emotional.

Cipel said he wanted to forget about McGreevey after he

New Jersey and took a job in New York, but that the governor continued to make unwanted contact. 'He hit on me over and over. I got to a point where I was afraid to stay with him alone," Cipel

McGreevey and his camp insist

it was a consensual affair. "These are all false allegations

by someone who's trying to ex-ploit his relationship with the governor," McGreevey spokesman Micah Rasmussen said Sunday. Cipel said he would stay in New

Vork to see the case through "I could have gotten on the first plane home, but I am staying here until justice is done," Cipel was quoted as saving.



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## Ready kids for credit

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK - Before your child leaves for college, impart some wisdom and information about the basics of credit. Credit card companies inun-

date students with offers, according to Deborah McNaughton, president of Professional Credit Counselors. "The companies just see dollar signs for the fu-ture," she said. If a student gets hooked, he or she may continue to provide the credit-card comnany with business after graduation.

In turn, students may see a credit card as a "power card," McNaughton added. "They don't have to ask Mommy and Daddy, 'Can I use it?' "The reality of the youngster's charges doesn't set in until the bill arrives.

Teach your child to charge

only what he or she can afford Have the young adult figure out how much she or he can pay per month, and then limit charge that amount. To keep track, "students need to write in a check registry or on an index card every time they charge some-thing," McNaughton advised.

Even if your child is attending school on the other side of the country, you can help him or her avoid major financial mistakes. Arrange for a credit card

linked to a bank account. You and your child can both fund the account, and spending is limit-

You also could set up a credit card for which you act as the pri-mary account holder. This way, said McNaughton, you'll be the one getting the bills and controlling the expenses. Just don't go as far as co-signing a loan or credit card for your child.

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#### A 'Candidate' for comparison

So Meryl Streep insists that she does not pattern her character in "The Manchurian Candidate" on U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y. "Methinks the lady doth protest too much."

What it comes down to is a simple premise. Streep's character is a scheming. power-hungry, conspiratorial woman senator who is evil and bad for America. These facts are what they are. A few seconds pass to think about this, followed by the realization that these character traits remind one of Sen. Clinton, Res ipsa loqui-

"The Manchurian Candidate" is just another example of liberal Hollywood setting out to "remind" moviegoers about evil Republicans, but ending up with a different impression. In this excellent film, Manchurian Global sits in for Halliburton, but many, instead of thinking about "no-bid contracts." will think about the fact that few if any other corporations are brave and capable enough of going into a dangerous place like Iraq and doing its necessary work.

This kind of thing has happened before. Terry Southern's "Dr. Strangelove" script was supposed to pattern the crazy George Scott character after warmongering right-wing Gen. Curtis LeMay, but it ended up being Ronald Reagan's favorite movie. Francis Ford Coppola's "Patton" screenplay was supposed to depict a slightly lunatic war-glorifier, but Scott's performance and the direction of Franklin Schaffner, who served under Patton, instead made the most patriotic war movie ever made. President Nixon liked it so much he decided to invade Cambodia based on its premise.

Screenwriter Aaron Sorkin and director Rob Reiner wanted to show in "A Few Good Men" that Jack Nicholson's Lt. Col. Nathan Jessup was an over-the-top militarist, but his famous lines are considered nrimers at West Point Oliver Stone's 'Wall Street" was supposed to shed light on corporate greed but, to his horror, two decades of go-getters have thanked him for inspiring them to pursue a career of high finance.

Steven R. Travers San Anselmo, Calif.

#### Complaints aren't 'whining' I get so sick and tired of hearing and

reading about people suggesting that others go elsewhere to shop, eat, purchase fuel etc. ("Shop somewhere else," Aug. 4). We are not complaining about the amount of ketchup we receive on our order of fries here: we are talking about something substantial.

The idea behind voicing your opinion is to get the word out and inform people who may not be so well-informed. Can the letter-writer imagine if the majority of authorized Army and Air Force Exchange Service shoppers did exactly that? Maybe you will have to join the crowd because

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AAFES would not survive long with a very small customer base. I mean, how much do you purchase per month with AAFES? Do you think you can sustain AAFES existence alone?

While many see these complaints as whining, griping or even attacks on AAFES, there is something else we need to acknowledge here. These complaints alert us to semblances of white-collar crime (price-fixing) at worst or the will of the people at best. I am proud to see that there are some who are not strangled by the overly patriotic advertising whims of AAFES and big business to see through this. There are some hard-working and dedicated members of the armed forces family members and civilians components overseas and we should have certain benefits extended to us due to our jobs and/or location. I would not to like to pay stateside prices for fuel nor watch certain goods disappear from shelves, while host nation products increase

If we are not allowed to use our constitutional rights to free speech and expression, then why even have a military? What are we fighting to uphold? What happened to fighting for freedom and democracy?

I see the word "democracy" used be yond its capacity, yet when someone opines something that runs contrary to popular opinion, it is anti-American or unpatriotic. The McCarthy era is long gone or is it? If prices continue to rise, but your income does not, at what point will you "complain"? Derrick L. Clady

Schweinfurt, Germany

#### Marriage issue not top priority

The writer of "Sodom and Gomorrah" (Aug. 2) needs to get real.

He asks why he shouldn't equate two adults of the same sex wanting a life together and the agenda of the North American Man-Boy Love Association as being roughly the same. Or as being roughly equal to child molestation. That's bull The key here is "consenting adults." An adult can legally consent. An underage child is not "consenting" regardless of what he may say verbally. They are minors. Not the same thing. And really, sir. why bring dogs, fish and cows into the argument? Few people go so far as to marry their animals.

Furthermore, we do not need the U.S. government to amend the Constitution to define marriage. While Merriam-Webster's defines the word marriage as "the institution whereby men and women are joined in a special kind of social and legal dependence for the purpose of founding and maintaining a family," it also defines it as "an act of marrying or the rite by which married status is affected" and also as "an intimate or close union."

I would prefer my government keep us safe from real enemies, keep the economy on an even keel, and weigh in on matters of real importance concerning the running of this fine nation. Trying to regulate who's kissing who can probably be handled (assuming it needs to be handled at all) at a lower level than the president, Congress or the Supreme Court.

Leave it up to the local community to de-

termine acceptable standards. And if the local community doesn't really care, then you should just avert you eyes and move on. It's not like these folks are asking to move in with you.

While I am not particularly keen on the idea of same-sex marriage, I am not vehemently opposed, either. On the whole I'd say I'm pretty much unconcerned with the dating preferences of adults outside of my immediate family. Hopefully they're not concerning themselves with my choice of mates and plotting to have my spouse written out of the Constitution.

While I cannot see myself, a 45-year-old heterosexual man, wanting to marry another man, I also cannot see myself feeling like I would need the writer's consent or permission if I did. Sir, just go into your own home. Watch some TV or read a book. Spend time with your family. Run your own life and let others run theirs. As a nation we have bigger problems to spend our time on

William E. Abernathy Yokosuka, Japan

#### Travel, Sunday disappointing

Like the writer of "Small travel section" (July 22) I am very disappointed in the new Thursday travel section as well as the new Sunday section.

After reading the Stars and Stripes for more than 13 years, when I returned to the United States I continued to take the paper, even though I get it one to two weeks late. I learn far more from it than my local paper by far. The travel section kept me connected to my old life

The new Sunday section is OK, but you need to include the old section as well. Besides, I miss the Cryptoquip and the old crossword puzzles.

Carol A. Collins Salinas Calif

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

#### Doonesbury









#### OPINION

## Need to serve is lost on military's critics ...

BY JEFF BERGNER

n an interesting exchange at the Democratic convention, Michael Moore asked Bill O'Reilly whether he would sacrifice his son to capture Fallujah. The question caught my attention because our youngest son hed just returned from discussing post-college options with a Marine recruiter.

This type of question is designed to be difficult to answer — and judging from O'Reilly's response, it was. This is because it is a rhetorical device and not a substantial question at all. This is true in four aspects.

First, it has the high standard of "sacrifice." No normal parent is prepared to sacrifice his child for any reason or objective, including military objectives. The same could be said of any desirable objective. Would you, for example, sacrifice your child to expand health care to the uninsured? Or even, in the customary example, to save the life of another of one's own children' It is hard to imagine any objective for which one would sacrifice one's child.

The question is more akin to a philosophy class exercise than a real-world moral dilemma. Service in the armed forces can be risky, but it is not tantamount to a death sentence. Were service in the armed forces a certain route to the ultimate sacrifice of one's life, the armed forces would be small indeed. Maybe that is Moore's goal.

Second, the question is addressed to the wrong person. Many
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ever, are adult men and women in
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their parents, who choose to serve
in the armed forces. The question
that parents face is not whether to
support their children but whether to support their children in the
broad and often risky activities
they must perform when they
enter military service.

pacification is too narrowly stated. Would anyone enlist for the specific purpose of keeping supply convoys moving into Baghdad? Or to open a road to a dusty town? Or to pacify a town or the occupants of a house? Or to be killed by friendly fire? Many young Americans had lost their lives in just such ways.

Third, the objective of Fallujah's

But these are tasks incidental to the larger purpose of military service: protecting the interests of the United States.

If Saddam Hussein's tyranny is replaced by a decent government, if that new government becomes a working partner in changing the Middle East, and if this helps to prevent another major act of terrorism against the United States, are these not purposes that justify not blind "sacrifice" but at least a measure of personal risk? True, they proposes of U.S. foreign policy can surely be described far too grandly, but one can surely demean them beyond recognition as well.

Finally, the question ignores the issue of consequences. We all know that the full consequences of our decisions are impossible to predict. So are the consequences of our indecisions. If there are risks and sacrifices entailed by action, there are also risks and sacrifices entailed by inaction. Was it not precisely the burden of the Sept. 11 commission to consider why no one asked young Americans to risk their lives in a serious mission to kill Osama bin Laden before Sent 11, 2001? Michael Moore suggests as much when he allows that nre-emptive action to eliminate Adolf Hitler before World War II would have been justified. In retrospect, perhaps this case is easy enough. But would he have thought so in the 1930s? Would he not have joined the chorus of voices on both sides of the Atlantic



whose refrain was that Hitler was no threat at all, and definitely not an "imminent" threat?

We live in a world of occasional hard choices. Young adults must decide whether they will serve in the armed forces. Parents must decide to accept and support those choices. And policy-makers must make their best, if imperfect, judgments about when to send young men and women into harm's way. In none of these choices does Michael Moore's question offer the slightest guidance.

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## ... but recruitment tactics downplay real dangers

By G. JEFFERSON PRICE III
The (Baltimore) Sun

ait and switch" is one of the oldest techniques in the book for disreputable merchants trying to lure customers to their stores

The merchant advertises an item at an unbelievably low price. That's the bait. It could be anything from a car to a Ty set. But when the customer arrives in the store, the advertised item is no longer in stock, and the merchant sets about trying to persuade the customer to buy a more expensive model that just happens to be in stock. That's the switch.

And it's illegal.

This phony sales ploy came to mind recently when a recruiting brochure arrived at our house from the U.S. Army Recruiting Command at Fort Knox, Ky. It was addressed to my son, who just turned 21 and would be a prime candidate for the draft if there were one.

The brochure is very enticing. And seems especially directed at Hispanics. "The Army has a career waiting for you. Take the next step by saying Yo Soy El Army."

Here's what the Army offers: "The chance to qualify for 150 careers; guaranteed training in your chosen career; up to \$20,000 enlistment bonus; up to \$50,000 for college after you serve; 30 days of paid vacation earned each year; up to \$65,000 to pay back qualifying student loans.

"Or serve part time in the Army Reserve.
Train near home, ready to serve full time if
needed, and you'll receive..."

needed, and you'll receive ..."

The brochure then lists similar enticements at lower rates.

"Here's your chance to become whatever you want to be — a paratrooper, chef, medical specialist, journalist, whatever you can

Now that's some bait.

Imagine a young man or woman who can't go to college because it's not affordable and who can't get a job because the economy is not producing enough jobs for the number of people entering the job market. Imagine how appealing this brochure from Fort Knox would be for that person.

The brochure has photos of people working at a couple of the 150 jobs the Army would train them for: One is of a medical technician; another is of a cook outfitted in a chef's hat. Why wouldn't an individual living with little hope for the future seize the opportunity for all that training and money? The asterisk for reservists sent me looking for an explanation.

That would be "Benefits based on qualifications. Information subject to change." That's in tiny print, the other merchandiser's boon.

The brochure says nothing about the switch. It says nothing about what the Army's main job is these days. It says nothing about the danger that exists for someone entering the military today; the likelihood of being sent to Iraq or Afghanistan. It says nothing about needing to train individuals to kill or be killed in Iraa. In fact, the brochure

in the war against terrorism.

As for the attraction of joining the reserves, it does not mention that up to 40 percent of the military serving in Iraq today are reservists, many of whom did not expect to go to war for such prolonged periods when they signed up. If they did not expect this, it might be because they were motivated to sign up by brochures such as the one from Fort Knox.

Don't get me wrong It's unfortunate that

Don't get me wroig. It's unnorunate man mankind has yet to develop an alternative to brute force as the ultimate settler of disagreements. So we need a military. The armed services have a need and every right to recruit Americans. But let them be honest about it.

America is at war, and it needs young men and women to fight in that war. Joining the armed services with that in mind is an act of patriotism and valor. But there is no mention of patriotism or valor in the brochure. There is no mention of war. Instead, it suggests the Army is training a force of medical specialists, chefs and journalists... The truth is that the draft should be reinstated so that every segment of the population is called to serve rather than the segment most likely to be lured to service by promises of jobs and training and education. That would drastically alter the political dynamical way to be sent to the political dynamical services of the political dynamical services is likelier to demand greater accountability and honesty.

Don't blame the Army, though, for engaging in some misleading advertising to attract men and women to serve.

Bait and switch turns out to have been the very ploy that the commander in chief and his secretary of defense — among others — used to get Americans into the war in Iraq. ... Osama bin Laden and his network are the

real, credible and abiding bait. But somehow we got switched to Iraq, and we'll be paying the price for that switch for many years to come.

By BRUCE TINSLEY

G. Jefferson Price III is the former Perspective editor of The Sun.

#### **Mallard Fillmore**

I MEAN, SURE. DAD, this isn't OKAY, LEFTY, THEY CALL CHEERING ME UP its your LAST MEAL OVER IT BEING THE IT FOOD, BUT DON'S FIRST DAY OF HEY CALL It EDUCATION" YOU CAN t00, YOU'RE YOU WANT COU

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#### No naked cheering

FL GAINESVILLE — University of Florida's cheerleading coach was fired after he gave the squad permission to promote more than school pricial at a cheerleading camp.

Gene Moore, 39, said he was unfairly terminated for allowing squad members to wear T-shirts that listed "10 Reasons to Cheer Naked."

"10 Reasons to Cheer Naked." He was fired after the University Athletic Association received complaints about the shirts. The firing leaves the squad without a coach three weeks before the first football game.

Moore had been coach for five years, making \$19,000 last year.

The squad was attending a college cheerleading camp this week in Myrtle Beach, S.C., when a couple of cheerleaders distributed the T-shirts for Spirit Day. Members trade shirts with cheerleaders from other schools.

"Yes, I was aware of it and, yes, it was a mistake," Moore said. "I don't feel like firing me over it after I've put in five years was justified."

#### Hate crimes award

DERBY — A former Milford couple was ordered to pay more than \$11,000 in a hate crimes lawaii. A jury awarded the money to the interracial family of Tarvis Simms, who accused their white neighbors Wilfred and Michelle Chaisson of using racial slurs and making death threats. The suit was filed nine months after the Chaissons were sentenced to two years of probation for harassing the family. This time the Chaissons were ordered to move out of town and attend diversity education classes.

#### Meeting minority goals

MADISON — The stadium district overseeing the Lambeau Field reconstruction met state-imposed goals for hiring women and minorities for the project, according to a report. The Legislative Audit Bureau report also found the district met goals for awarding contracts to businesses owned by women and minorities. The \$259 million renovation of the Green Bay Packers' stadium was completed last summer.

#### Even bad guvs can vote

MII HELENA — A husband-and-wife team from Bozeman is traveling the state to register convicted felons to vote. Casey Rudd and husband Eddie Rudd run Connections, a re-entry program for former inmates. A survey by the program last year showed that many people do not know felons can vote once they're out of prison.

Connections received a federal grant of \$5,000 this year as part of the Help America Vote Act education campaign.

### Stenographers victory

NH MANCHESTER—A judge has ruled that 15 stenographers working in the superior



courts can't be fired while their lawsuit is pending against the state Supreme Court.

The stenographers, who use special typewriters to take down every word of court proceedings, sued the high court to prevent the state from replacing them with tane recorders.

They argue that past judges have promised that wouldn't happen.

A judge recently dismissed the lawsuit, but said he would delay the firings if the case was appealed. A lawyer for the stenographers said the case will be brought before the Supreme Court.

#### **Cross-state pollution**

LAKE TEXOMA—Air pollution from Texas is causing some Oktahoma counties to have poor air quality, according to an American Lung Association report. State and federal environmental officials say poor air quality readings in Jefferson and Marshall counties are caused by smog carried from the Dallisa are by southerby winds. Officials say all Oklahoair standards.

#### Wrongfully imprisoned

PA PHILADELPHIA — A death row inmate who



Colorful reflections
Maxine Sugarman, 11, left, gets a
sailing lesson from her father,
Michael, while the pair takes a spin
around Foy's Lake in Kalispell,

spent 22 years in prison before a DNA test exonerated him in a rape and murder case filed a lawsuit accusing detectives and prosecutors of withholding evidence that could have set him free.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for the time Nicholas Yarris spent behind bars before genetic testing cleared him in the 1981 death of a Delaware County woman. Yarris' attorney earlier indicated he was seeking \$22 million.

It alleges authorities purposely hid evidence from Yarris' defense lawyer before his trial — including the existence of a pair of gloves that investigators believed had been worn by the killer.

Yarris said the gloves were too small for his hands.

#### Teen stabs neighbor

NEW SCANDIA TOWN-SHIP—A 14-year-old boy armed with a military knife stormed into a woman's house and, for reasons not yet determined, stabbed his sleeping neighbor at least 20 times before she was able to fight him off, authorities said.

The woman, Jaclyn Larson, a 20-year-old college student, called 911 and identified her attacker before she was taken to a hospital in St. Paul, according to authorities.

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She was last known to be listed in fair condition.

#### **Drowning death**

VA MONETA — A woman has drowned at her home on Smith Mountain Lake, officials said.

Carole Grace, 64, drowned in about 15 feet of water off the dock of her Moneta home the night of Aug. 3, said Sgt. Harry Clingenpeel of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. She was alone and did not know how to swim, he said.

Clingenpeel said that alcohol apparently was a factor in the accident.

Lanny Grace said his wife went outside to feed their dog, and he became concerned when she did not return.

#### Resort is a gamble

PROVIDENCE — The statesupreme Court said a referendum on whether Harrah's Entertrainment can build a resort-studence in West Warwick violates the state constitution. The court said the constitution prohibits lotteries not run by the state. It was not immediately clear how the Suppreme Court's advisory opinion would affect the question's placement on the ballot.

#### Meeting the benchmark

TIN MASHVILLE — State education officials reported a huge improvement in the number of schools meeting No Child Left Behind benchmarks this year. Eighty-one percent of Tennessee's 1,677 schools succeeded in meeting the standards. The other 19 percent failed at least one of the benchmarks. Last year, 47 percent of Tennessee's schools failed to meet at least one standard.



Mmmm mmmm good Sarah Montey, 6, of Ripon, Wis., chomps on an ear of sweet corn at the Winnebago County Fair in Oshkosh, Wis.



Giddyap! Jennifer Artman, of Orrick, Mo., rides her Arabain horse Dispatcher in a practice arena on the opening day of the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia. Mo.



No time for play

U.S. Forest Service Fire Engineer Keith
Orr kicks a soccer ball out of a burned
area as he uses a drip torch to conduct a burnout operation on Elk Trail
Fast Road near Lake Shasta. Calif.



Butcher, a 4-month-old harbor seal found orphaned in Homer, Alaska, in May, swims Peek-a-boo around its pen at the Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward.



Airport freedom

Time for a U-turn

A Southwest Airlines plane on the ground at the Corpus Christi, Texas.



A vehicle turns around on a street blocked by a downed tree in Danville, Va., after a suspected tornado caused widespread damage in the city.

#### Elevator malfunction

NEW YORK — A freight elevator suddenly shot up-ward, crashing into the top bulkhead of a 37-story office building in Times Square and killing one person, authorities said

Security guard and elevator operator Carl DeClercq, 63, was declared dead at the scene Thursday afternoon, police said.

DeClercq was going down in the elevator at the end of his shift when it shot up and crashed into the bottom of the roof at the 37th floor, authorities said.

After the accident, another elevator carrying two people dropped to the ground floor but the passengers were not injured and were only briefly stranded, police said. It was unclear how far the elevator fell before it stalled

#### Serial snuggler sentenced

BATON ROUGE — The serial "snuggler" will have to keen his hands to himself.

The man who sneaked into women's apartments just to cuddle with them has been sentenced to five years' probation.

Before pleading guilty earlier this year to 12 counts of unauthorized entry, Steve Danos, 26, led a commendable life, a judge said Wednesday before sentencing him.

None of the victims was hurt. Instead, the intruder roused the residents to ask about a party, helped himself to beer and pizza, folded clothes, made nachos and crawled into one woman's bed to rub her stomach.

Before his arrest, Danos had a more notable claim to fame. He drove in the winning run in the state championship baseball game his senior year at John Curtis Christian School in River Ridge.

#### Lemonade stand reonened

MO ST. LOUIS — Two seventh-graders are back in business after the city's health commissioner apologized because their lemonade stand had been shut down.

Mim Murray, 10, and Marisa Miller-Stockie, 12, have sold lemonade together for three summers, hoping to save enough for laptop computers before school starts

But on Tuesday, the girls said, a Health Department inspector told them they didn't have the proper business licenses and were selling unsafe ice cubes. The girls were using powdered lemonade mix with ice cubes bought from a store.

Melba Moore, the city's health commissioner, said temporary food and beverage vendors are supposed to obtain permits, but that doesn't apply to children's lemonade stands.

"It should not have happened. And I apologize," said Moore, who gave the girls \$3 Wednesday for a 25-cent cup of lemonade.

#### Buggin' about a ghost MD CHESTERTOWN — A se-

curity officer was bugged out when he saw what appeared to be a ghost haunting Kent County Court House.

The suspect spirit turned out to

On July 29, for a little more than an hour, a security camera showed a round, translucent, white object that seemed to walk up and down a set of stairs inside the newer wing of the courthouse

But a self-proclaimed "ghost investigator" wants to have another

Beverly Lipsinger, president of the Maryland Ghost & Spirit Association said the descriptions she's heard don't sound like a bug.

#### Volunteer meter watchers

ARCADIA — The 30-member force of Police Department volunteers is now armed with citation books. The department expanded the duties of its Volunteers in Patrol team to include writing parking tickets for handicap-space and street-sweeping violations. Those duties will soon include all parking violations.

Sgt. Bruce Smith says budget cuts forced the city to get rid of parking control employees years

#### Off the danger list

PIERRE - The blacktailed prairie dog has been dropped from a list of candidates for the federal endangered species list because scientists have concluded the rodents are no longer threatened.

Officials at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Thursday that 18 million prairie dogs live on the Western Plains and no longer require special protection.

Gov. Mike Rounds said the decision helps ranchers whose land has been damaged by the rodents, clearing the way for state officials to control the movement of prairie dogs from federal lands onto private property. A snokesman for the National

Wildlife Federation said the decision is a mistake. The organization requested the listing in 1999.

#### Armed priest standoff

NY BUFFALO — A retired priest armed with a BB gun was under observation at a hospital after a 41/2 hour-standoff with police ended peacefully.

Police were called to the home of the Rev. James McGrath after a neighbor spotted McGrath in his backyard holding with appeared to he a rifle

Church officials and relatives tried to contact the 75-year-old McGrath by phone, but were unsuccessful. When SWAT team members

stormed the front door around 1 p.m., they found McGrath sitting in the living room with a BB gun.

#### City tries to save AF hase NC GOLDSBORO — Officials

are trying to find ways to save Seymour Johnson Air Force Base after they found its closure would cost the local economy \$1 billion. North Carolina has budgeted about \$2 million to keep its six bases safe from the latest round of closings expected to shut down up to a quarter of the nation's 425 mili tary bases. About 4,800 personnel are stationed at the base. Air Force personnel own 2.500 to 3.000 homes in the area.

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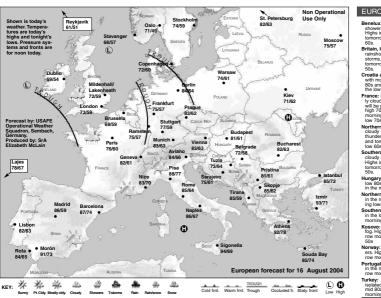
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#### **EUROPEAN FORECAST**

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low to mid 70s and tomorrow morning lows in the low

60s. Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunder-storms. Highs in the low 70s and tomorrow morning lows in the high 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy with morning fog. Highs in the mid 80s and tomorrow morning lows in the low 60s.

France: Northern France will be most-ly cloudy with rain. Southern France will be partly cloudy. Highs in the high 70s to low 80s and tomorrow morning lows in the low 60s to the

Northern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the high 70s and tomorrow morning lows in the low 60s.

Southern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the mid to high 70s and tomorrow morning lows in the high 50s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and tomorrow morning lows in the mid 50s.

Northern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and tomorrow morning lows in the mid 60s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low to mid 80s and tomorrow morning lows in the mid 60s .

Kosovo: Partly cloudy with morning fog. Highs in the high 70s and tomor-row morning lows in the mid to high

Norway: Mostly cloudy with rainshow-ers. Highs in the high 60s and tomor-row morning lows in the high 50s. Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 90s and tomor-row morning lows in the mid 60s.

Turkey: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s to low 90s and tomorrow morning lows in the low 70s.

For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAFE Operational Weather Squadron home page at: https://ows.sembach.af.mil http://ows.public.sembach.af.mil



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### FACES 'N' PLACES

#### Oprah to report for jury duty

Oprah Winfrey was expected to make an appearance at the Cook County, Ill., Criminal Court — for jury duty.

A spokeswoman for the talk-show host confirmed Friday that Winfrey would report Mon-



day. She is scheduled to appear along with some 300 other prospec-tive jurors, Cook County sheriff's office spokeswoman Sally Daly said Thursday Winfrey will not receive special

treatment once she's inside the courtroom but will be allowed to use an alternate entrance, Daly said.

"Obviously, due to her popularity and her status, there is the potential - if she would come in the front pubto cause a commotion, con fusion or a possible security issue,'

the snokeswoman said If Winfrey isn't picked for a jury by the end of the day, she'll still receive a \$17.20 check from the court, said jury supervisor Allen Klein

#### Barbie, the people's choice

Barbie thinks she knows who can make a difference in this year's U.S. presidential race - girls - and she's the

one who is going to represent them.

The Mattel doll has thrown her hat into the ring as the candidate of the fictional Party of Girls! She unveiled her platform Thursday at the Toys "R" Us store in Times Square in New York City.

She has pledged a campaign that will concentrate on creating world peace, helping the homeless and poor, and taking care of animals. Her platform was chosen by girls across America through the Barbie.com Web site.

Marie C. Wilson, president and founder of the national, nonpartisan The White House Project, said Barbie's campaign shows girls that they can aspire to the highest lev-

els of leadership, including the presidency.

"Since Barbie is such a large part of girls' lives, we believe it's important to encourage them to become tomorrow's leaders, and Barbie for President sends that message." Wilson said in a statement.

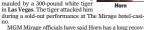
#### Illusionist Roy Horn's injuries evaluated

Nearly a year after being mauled by a tiger, illusionist Roy Horn of "Siegfried & Roy" was

evaluated at a hospital that specializes in spinal cord and traumatic brain injury rehabilitation.

Dave Kirvin, a spokesman for Horn declined to comment on how long Horn was expected to stay or what treatment he was receiving

Horn arrived at Craig Hospital in Englewood, Colo., early last week and was being evaluated Thursday. Horn was able to walk again in five months after being mauled by a 300-pound white tiger



MGM Mirage officials have said Horn has a long recovery ahead of him, and the duo's long-running show has been closed

#### Snoop Dogg sued for \$1 million

Richmond, Va., lawyer Joseph W. Kaestner is nothing if not persistent. And patient. He filed a lawsuit in October 1997 in Richmond Circuit

Court against Calvin Broadus, better known as rapper Snoop Dogg. Kaestner is seeking \$1 million in damages for trauma and humiliation for his client, music promoter Patricia Ann Richardson

The lawsuit alleges that Snoop tricked Richardson into picking up three FedEx packages at a Petersburg, Va., motel in January 1997 Richardson contends she didn't know 7 pounds of mari-

juana were in the packages until police stopped her at Club Flava, a Petersburg establishment where she was promoting one of Snoop's concerts.

No one was arrested, but Richardson was searched.

handcuffed and questioned at a Petersburg police station, according to the lawsuit. Snoop lives in California and appears infrequently in

The lawyer took steps that he believes have kept the case alive for almost seven years, and he arranged for the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Department to serve the lawsuit on Snoop when he appeared for a concert in that city Wednesday night.

The rapper has 20 days to file a formal response.

Stories and photos from wire services

## What happens when bad boys turn good

### Mark Wahlberg is more centered, devoted to daughter

BY TERRY MORROW

Scripps Howard News Service

he evolution of actor Mark Wahlberg from bad boy to good man stems from the company he

At 33, the actor, rapper and former underwear model says he is centered, devoted to his faith and chang-ing his partying ways. He's father to an 11-month-old girl, and shares custody with the mother, model Rhea Durham. "Ah, there are no more pool parties with my bud-

dies late at night," he says during an interview to promote "Entourage," a new cable-TV come-dy he's producing that is based loosely on his early days of success in Hollywood. "But that's a good thing. I needed some-

thing to straighten me out. I had a lot of fun. but I was lucky to get out alive.

"Entourage" is about a New York actor, played by Adrian Grenier, who suddenly finds fame and brings his best buddies with him to Hollywood, where they're all fishes

(Kevin Connolly), the vain and dimwitted Johnny Drama (Kevin Dillon) and the party monster Turtle (Jerry Ferrara). "We knew when we were making this show that Hollywood was the back-

show ... but you'll see it's really about friendship and about guys that could go anywhere.' Like the central character Wahlberg made room for his hometown pals whom he invited to stay with him in Holly-

wood. Growing up in a house-hold of nine children, Wahlberg says he's used to a full house. He doesn't like being Having a familiar entou-

rage around was comforting, The character of Johnny

Drama is based on a guy who was hired to be with Wahlberg back in his early days. "He was hired by my broth

er to babysit me when I was recording my first album," Wahlberg says. "I had gotten out of jail myself and had a hard time adapting, like a lot of my friends, but I was given another chance.

Wahlberg looks back on his life now and sees how far he's come. The Boston na-tive, raised in a low-income side of town, is not afraid to talk about selling drugs on the streets when he was 13.

He dropped out of high school at age 14. (Later he got his Graduate Equivalency Degree.) And though a priest attempted to help him straighten out, Wahlberg didn't listen.

He got into fight after fight, was charged with misdemeanors and spent 50 days in prison for a rob-bery gone bad. Life after prison changed him. His older brother, Donnie, already successful with the boy band New Kids on the Block, helped him focus him on a music career

He couldn't sing, but he could rap. Add a DJ, dancers and backup singers and suddenly he was Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch in the early 1990s.

Wahlberg's bad-boy image was enhanced when he stripped to his underwear during concerts. This inspired designer Calvin Klein to use him in controversial ads, wearing next to nothing, on billboards hovering over Times

He made headlines for being involved in fights and run-ins with other celebrities. The tabloids loved him, and the public remained faithful despite ru-

mors he was homophobic and racist, labels he denies. Friends of Wahlberg's who were not in-

vited to Los Angeles felt spurned. "Being famous complicates your friend-

ships a lot," Wahlberg says.
"When I would go back home, people

who never talked to me before suddenly wanted to become my friends. People who were my friends think I owed them some-

enough to see other people go through this before I did, and I was able to learn from what happened to them." By the time the recording ca-

reer went south and the ad campaign was over. Wahlberg was ready for the movies. In 1994, he made a critical splash in Penny Marshall's Man." "Renaissance

From there, he enhanced his acting résumé with "Boogie "Three Kings," "Inree Kings," "The Ital-ian Job" and "Planet of the

Working movies taught him how to handle hangers-on.

"When I became an actor. I worked with a lot of big actors, and I saw how they handled things," he says.

Wahlberg says his changed when he became a father. It gave him perspective. He's also listening to that same priest who has tried to reform him since he was

Today, his entourage includes a nanny, a priest and his mother.

"Now that things have changed for me, I see how it changes my relationships. My best friend is my parish priest. We can talk about every-

Today, instead of talking about his wild nights, Wahlberg is revealing that changing his daughter's diaper invokes a gag reflex, and he jokes that he'll never allow her to date because no man will be good enough.

"I had to give up the entourage and slow down," he say. . . "I was having a baby, and I was committed to it. So I gave it all up. OK. I had to have something so I gave up the nightclub for the country club. But for me, it's a good change of pace.



### Horoscope

The Virgo moon pulls our atten tion to a microscopic level at times. While swimming in a sea of details, don't forget to take in the vast ocean view. It's a big Joyce Jillson world out there, and if we're too concentrated on our little part of it, we could miss the best experiences. Mercury's retrograde could be blamed for a social faux pas

#### tonight TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 16). In this year of just desserts, the venture you've put so much sweat and tears into will finally pay

off! This month and next require you to switch into high gear, continuously biting off more than you think you can chew - you'll surprise yourself. Singles tie the knot in February. Couples share experiences that help them bond more closely that month, too.

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even though there are endless sources of wisdom available, you're

looking for things to be spelled out exactly. But if the universe were really to thunder from the clouds "Do this!" or "Do that!" you'd defiantly shake your fist.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This day is very much like wildfire

season in the high-desert mountains - there's no question that the fires will start; it's just a question of when and where. So be ready to jump to alert, as you will be called to put the fire out.

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Your old way of playing gets to be a real bore. It's time for another of your famous "reincarnations." You're so skillful at changing into similar but fresh and exciting versions of yourself that people around you don't even notice.

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You're the tower of strength now, A dear friend will probably reach out to you in some passive-aggressive way, letting you know how troubled he or she is. What this person is looking for is a little parental attention

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're like a child watching a singalong kiddie program with the bouncing

ball directing your words and timing. Sure, you're accomplishing something, but your heart is just not in it! It's time for a major interruption. Shake it up!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes, you get a bad rap for

being overly critical and having impossibly high standards. But are they really impossibly high? Nature is perfect - no one understands this as well as you do. Stick to

#### what you want. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're

getting so entrenched in work that you're in danger of losing who you are and where you're going.

There's nothing quite like the com fort you feel around people who know you well. They'll bring you back to your roots!

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Continue to stay alert. People around you are trying their damdest

to hide an agenda, but you're a sly one, and nothing gets by you. It's a terrific day for your finances because you respect your money SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). You're prepared for a few bumps in the road to progress, but nothing prepares you for the internal struggle you face when you're on the cusp of success. Push through! Take the time to reacquaint yourself

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Normally, a good competition is healthy, but now, you've got too much riding on your work for it to be a fair game. It may be appropriate to pull yourself out of a competitive situation. Concentrate on your own productivity

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your active lifestyle could cause an overload of nervous energy. This is an opportunity to learn more about how to take care of yourself. There's almost no stress you can't balance through exercise and nutrition.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The whirlwind morning leads up to a surprisingly leisurely pace in the afternoon. You could possibly have time to go on the Internet and book

travel plans or do catalog shopping. Have your contingency plan ready

#### Peanuts



WOULD YOU CARE IF I PUT ON MY BIKINI ? AND AS LONG AS I HAD ON MY BIKINI, WOULD YOU CARE IF I WENT TO THE BEACH ?AND AS LONG AS IM AT THE BEACH, WOULD YOU CARE IF I JUST FORGOT ABOUT THE BALL GAME!



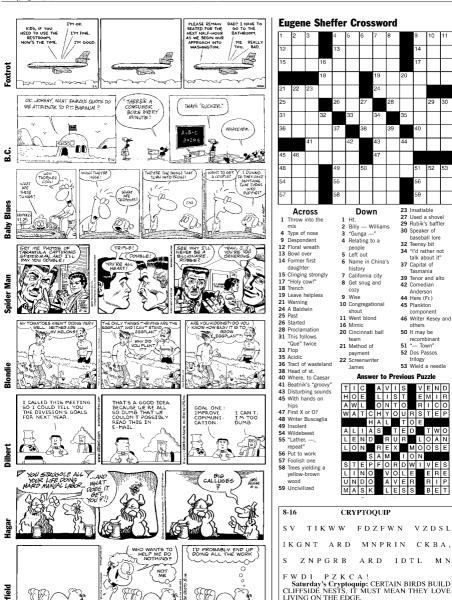




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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals L

THE ACTOR

## 'Acting out' a difference of opinion

Dear Abby: I am 16 years old

and a ward of the court. I have a horrible social worker who never looks at any of the positive things I do. I have good grades and barely ever do anything wrong. Recently I have been doing things that they call "acting out." I Dear Abby am not acting out! At our last court appearance, her report stated that I'm a juvenile delinquent who is in need of serious help. I am consistently told by the people at the

things How do I tell my social worker that she needs to see the positive things I am doing and not just look at the negative? Please help me. I am going nuts. I need to know if it is me or her.

group home where I live

that I am none of those

- Confused in Redwood City, Calif.

Dear Confused: It's possible that the problem isn't all yours or all hers, but a combination of

both. The caseload social work ers must manage these days is overwhelming, which means that, much as they might wish otherwise, they are often unable to give each client a lot of personal attention.

"Acting out" is misbehaving and expressing angry feelings in inappropriate ways. When a child is separated from home, school, family and friends, that's a good reason to be angry. However, if you and the people at your group home feel that the social worker is mistaken, then the

administrator should

write a letter to the court explaining that fact. I'm sure the judge would take it into consideration. (I know I would.)

P.S. - If the social worker thinks you need "serious help" which I assume to mean psychological counseling - go for it. Almost everyone can benefit

listen to his or her concerns, pains and problems. It is considered to be a huge benefit, not a *punishment* 

Dear Abby: What is the rule of etiquette concerning guest lists that include both friends and co-workers? Does one have to invite all co-workers to a private/personal function, or can a select handful of co-workers be invited

- Needs Advice, Latham, N.Y. Dear Needs Advice: Much depends upon the size of your office, how many co-workers you plan to ask, and what percentage will be excluded. If you invite only a few co-workers, it's important that you not offend the rest. This can be accomplished by keeping the invitation private separate from work, and confidential

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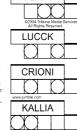


MADE BACKSTAGE **KALLIA** Now arrange the circled letters to

form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Saturday's

(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles: TYING FUDGE SOIREE MARTYR When the police chief announced his crime Answer: crackdown, his remarks were - "ARRESTING"



### **Family Circus**

# SUMMER OF YMPICS ATHENS

"Why does Athens have its afternoon so early in the morning?"

## Depression comes in many forms

Dear Annie: Eight years ago, my son's father shot himself in front of me. I was five months pregnant at the time. I went for counseling, but it didn't seem to help, and lately, it has been bothering me a great deal

My son has begun asking questions about his father and how he died.

I don't know what to tell him. I feel he is too young for the vivid details. However, his constant questions make me irritated and impatient. I am married to a wonderful guy, and it is unfair to my son and my husband that I have these "mood swings." My problem is not their

A friend suggested I may have post-traumatic stress syndrome. Is there anything I can do about

— Unhappy in Virginia Dear Virginia: You may in deed be suffering from delayed-response post-traumatic stress disorder. You witnessed a

horrifying event, and your son's questions Annie's Mailbox remind you of it. Ask your doctor to recommend a therapist who can properly evaluate you. Treatment can include psychotherapy and medication. For more information, call the Post-traumatic

Stress Disorder Alli-

at 1-877-507-PTSD (1-877-507-7873)

ance (ptsdalliance.org)

Dear Annie: I am compelled to respond to "Concerned Mom," whose son, "Danny," suffered from denression and she thought he was getting worse. She asked if she should go visit him, even though her husband said it was interference. Thank you for

telling her to trust her gut.

Last year, I was depressed. I thought I hated my job. I became withdrawn and sad, and grew very confused. I saw a doctor and began taking antidepres sants, but I didn't get better. My condition deteriorated to the

point where I couldn't get out of hed. I thought I was losing my

After months of decline. I finally was diagnosed with a large brain tumor. I now know that the symptoms of a brain tumor can often mirror that of depression. My mother was the one who flew 2,000 miles on a mission to get to the bottom of

my condition. Thank God she did. Annie, tell your readers who are depressed also to have a complete physical. I am now on my way to a full and complete recovery. I pray the same for Danny

 Getting Better in California Dear California: Thank you for reminding our readers that depression can mask other physi cal symptoms that need treatment. Bless your mother for intuitively knowing that her child needed her, and for taking the necessary action.

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### IN THE WORLD

## Alleged militant statement threatens Italy

BY MAAMOUN YOUSSEF The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — A statement released Sunday in the name of an al-Qaida-linked group said the Italian government has "dug its grave by its own hands" after it ignored a warning to withdraw its troops from Iraq by Aug. 15.

The statement, signed by the Abu-Hafs al-Masri Brigades, said any target in Italy is valid for militants because the European country did not withdraw its approximate

3,000 troops from Iraq.
However, there was no way to authenticate the statement, which appeared on an Islamic Web site known as a clearinghouse for militant-related material. On its own site, Abu-Hafs al-Masri Brigades has denied giving the Aug. 15 ultimatum to Italy.

"Today, we have declared a bloody war and the earth will be shaken under the feet of any Italian," said the statement, dated

## Al-Qaida-linked group says nation will face attacks after failing to pull troops from Iraq

"After our cells start moving to implement the mission, we call on all of them to strike any target that appears before them in Italy until the government responds to

the withdrawal from Iraq," it said.

The statement said Italy would not have security "until security becomes real in

Sunday's statement said Italy's silence "has proven to the world that there is no difference between a civilian or a military person in Italy."

"The Italian government has dug its own grave by its own hands after it followed America, the head of infidelity, and it stayed in Iraq without any regard to the blood spilled in Iraq everyday, therefore, it is responsible for all the blood which will be spilled in Italy."

It is unclear who the actual authors of the threatening statements are. The numerous online claims and counterclaims illustrate the difficulties of determining the authenticity of Web threats or whether those who post them have any ability to carry them out.

The first threat with a deadline was sent Aug. 1 to the London-based Arabic newspaper Al-Quds Al-Arabi, warning Italy to pull its soldiers out of Iraq within 15 days or face "waves of earthquakes." On Aug. 7, another statement in the name of the Brigades renewed the threat.

But on Aug. 3, Abu Hafs al-Masri Bri-

gades posted a statement on its own Web site denying that it had given Italy a 15-day ultimatum to leave Iraq.

As the deadline expired, Italy's top domestic security official said Italians were reacting calmly to the threats.

"The Italians aren't changing their habits and thus they respond, in the most composed manner, to the relentless campaign of media statements, the latest of which arrived today, which aim to amplify the threat of Islamic terrorism," Interior Minister Giuseppe Pisanu said.

Conservative Premier Silvio Berlusconi has said Italy's troops will continue their mission in Iraq, which includes reconstruction projects and security. The Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigade takes its

The Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigade takes its name from a top al-Qaida lieutenant who was killed in a U.S. airstrike in Afghanistan in 2001. It has claimed responsibility for several attacks on Western targets, including the March 11 train bombings in Madrid.



Pope John Paul II towels off Sunday before praying at the Virgin Mary shrine in Lourdes, southwestern France, prior to his departure for Ron

## Sickly pope celebrates Mass at Lourdes shrine

By VICTOR L. SIMPSON The Associated Press

LOURDES, France — A frail Pope John Paul II, breathing heavily and gasping at times, celebrated an open-air Mass on Sunday for several hundred thousand pilgrims, many in wheelchairs, at a shrine to the Virgin Mary that is associated with miraculous cures.

At one point he said "help me" in Polish while struggling through his homily in French. Aides brought him a glass of water, and he said he wanted to complete his remarks.

He did, although skipping several sections, and raised his voice to express "special affection" for the sick.

The crowd applauded at times to encourage him. The 84-year-old pope has Parkinson's disease and crippling hip and knee ailments.

He also drew cheers for his message—condemnations of materialism and secularism, and a call for women to reject abortion, saying that life must "be respected from conception to its natural and"

The Mass was a highlight of the Pope's two-day visit to Lourdes, a town in the Pyrenees where Roman Catholic tradition says St. Bernadette saw visions of Mary in a grotto in 1858.

Officials said they expected 300,000 people, and the figure appeared on mark as worshippers jammed into the field to await the

The Lourdes shrine — a craggy indentation in a cliff where Roman Catholics pray and light candles — has special meaning for the sick. Thousands of people have claimed to be healed by an underground spring here, and the church has recognized 66 of the claims as miracles.

The Vatican says that the 84-year-old pope is not in Lour-des to seek a cure for his Parkinson's disease and crippling knee and hip problems.

The pope's trip commemorates the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of the Immaculate Conception, the dogma that says Mary was born without original



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#### **Tennis**

#### WTA Vancouver Open

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#### Deals

#### Saturday's transactions BASEBALL American League IM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with

twisted. And Gruden, accustomed to large crowds for training camp

"It was very quiet, very eery,"
the coach said. "And when you
drive to practice and see
1,500-pound palm trees ripped out of the ground - hundreds and hundreds of them - it lets vou know how lucky you are to

make it through the night." The exhibition game that was to be played Saturday night was rescheduled for Monday night.



## Bengals, **Bucs wait** on Charley

BY FRED GOODALL The Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA Fla = Jon Gruden will never forget peering out the window of his hotel room and getting a close-up view of Hurricane Charley.

"When you see trees getting picked up and thrown out of the ground, it's not something to laugh about." the Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach said Saturday. "It was wild, it was unbelievable. The force that was displayed last night was something I hadn't seen. It's amazing that the damages weren't as bad here as what they might have been.'

The Bucs train at Disnev's Wide World of Sports, just outside Orlando, and left the practice field Friday thinking they were safely out of the path of Charley, which was projected to hit the Tampa Bay area, about 75 miles

The Cincinnati Bengals, who arrived in Orlando on Thursday with plans to wait out the storm before busing to Tampa for an exhibition game Saturday night, also found themselves in the middle of the storm when the hurricane suddenly shifted course, slammed ashore on Florida's Gulf Coast and raced up the middle of the state.

"We were educated just like everybody else about where it was projected to strike. So many of the players' families came to Orlando to try to get away from it. Little did any of us know that here it comes right toward us. It was not good," Gruden said.

"We had a meeting last night. A very short meeting, and we said [to the players] get back to your rooms and pay attention to what's going on. We just don't know what can happen

Charley smashed ashore pack-ing 145 mph winds that diminished to 105 mph by the time the storm barreled through central Florida, knocking down trees, destroying property and leaving thousands without electricity.

Streets around the Bucs' team hotel in nearby Celebration were littered with tree limbs, and the storm also left its mark at Disney's Wide World of Sports, where the Bucs and Bengals both practiced Saturday. A wooded area leading to the

complex was littered with fallen trees, and the goal posts on two practice fields were bent and

workouts, noted just a handful of fans showed up Saturday.

## Schumacher tops Hungarian GP win

BY STEPHEN WADE The Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary Michael Schumacher won the Hungarian Grand Prix on Sunday, becoming the first Formula One driver with 12 victories in a

Schumacher, who has failed to win just once this season, took the lead on the first turn and never trailed. He can wrap up an unprecedented seventh drivers' title in two weeks at the Belgian Grand Prix in the most lopsided season in Formula One history.

Teammate Rubens Barrichello finished second, giving Ferrari its sixth straight constructors' championship with five races left

Schumacher also became the first to win seven consecutive races in a season. Italy's Alberto Ascari won nine straight, but that was over two seasons (1952-53) and in a different era

Schumacher won five straight to start the season. In Monaco, he was leading when he was taken out in a crash with Juan Pablo Montoya as the cars were running under the safety flag.

Renault's Fernando Alonso, who won in Budapest last year, was third and 44.5 seconds behind the winner, with fourth place going to Williams-BMW's Juan Pablo Montoya. Jenson Button of BAR-Honda was fifth, fol-

lowed by teammate Takuma Sato. Starting from the pole with Barrichello alongside, Schumacher



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Michael Schumacher holds the Hungarian Grand Prix trophy. He is the first Formula One driver with 12 victories in a season

kept the lead the entire way, even after his three pit stops. The race was free of trouble with little passing in what amounted to a processional parade behind Schumacher. Only five cars failed to finish.

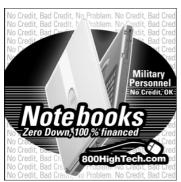
Schumacher led Barrichello by 20 seconds with 20 laps to go in the 70-lap event. He slowed at the end, allowing the Brazilian to finish just 4.4 seconds behind.

This victory added to a Schuma-cher's host of records: most victories in a season (12), most career victories (82), most series championships (six), most points (1.158). most consecutive wins in a single season (seven)

In this season's constructors championship, Ferrari has 202 points, with Renault next at 91. In the drivers' standings. Schumacher has 120, followed by Barrichello (82), Button (65) and Jarno Trulli of Renault (46).

Any driver hoping for Schumacher to be knocked out of a race by a mechanical failure can forget it. He hasn't gone out that way in three years

"We had just better sit down and pray that Michael retires sooner rather than later," Jordan said.



### 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## own F1 record with Ginobili buzzer-beater rescues **Argentina in first-round thriller**

ATHENS, Greece - Manu Ginobili's off-balance shot left his hand just a split-second before the final buzzer, dropping through the basket to give Argentina a thrilling 83-82 victory over Serbia-Montenegro on Sunday on the first day of Olympic men's basket-

While Argentina's players mobbed Ginobili, Serbia-Montenegro's coach protested that the shot came after the buzzer. But TV replays showed Gino-bili released the ball in time.

Men's basketball roundup

"Once it left my hand, I kney it was good," Ginobili said. "This is a very special thing Ginobili scored 27 points for

Argentina, which avenged a defeat in the title game of the 2002 World Championships. A non-call by a referee at the end of regulation sent that game into overtime to

help Serbia-Montenegro, then known as Yugoslavia, This time. Argentina prevailed after a final 10 minutes that had all the excitement of a medal-round match. Neither team led by more than four points in the fourth quarter after Serbia-Montenegro came

back from a big early deficit. Ginobili scored on a drive with 16.4 seconds left and drew Vladimir Radmanovic's fifth and final foul, converting the three-point play for an 81-81 tie Deian Tomasevic then drew Fabricio Oberto's fifth foul on a shot attempt from the lane with 3.8 seconds left, but he made only one of two foul shots

Argentina advanced the ball quickly, and point guard Alejandro Montecchia hit Ginobili with a pass just inside the foul line.

Ginobili managed to get off a difficult shot from the right side of the lane that bounced off the glass and in

"It was almost impossible," Ginobili said. "As soon as I saw it go in, I got ready" to be mobbed, he said

Argentina coach Ruben Magnano sprinted around the court with his arms held high. The Serbia-Montenegro players, meanwhile, stayed on the court as their coach, Zelimir Obradovic, argued with the scorekeepers and officials

At the post-game news conference, a visibly irritated Obradovic berated a translator and angrily stormed out.

"It's ridiculous over here. I do not want to speak because the translator is very bad," Obradovic said loudly and angrily, in English, before walking off the interview podium.

"I can speak in English, but I don't want to. I have a right to speak my own language," Obradovic yelled, also in English, leaving Magnano looking somewhat amused at a public meltdown that Bobby Knight would have been hard-pressed to match.

After leaving the court, Ginobili shared a laugh with U.S. assistant Greg Popovich, who coaches Ginobili for the San Antonio Spurs.

"He's the ultimate competitor, he really is. He's just a special kid the way he competes," Popovich said. "He has no fear - and that whole team doesn't either. They're so well coached and drilled, someone's going to have to play very well to heat those



Argentina's Emanuel David Ginobili, left, celebrates with Alejandro Ariel Montecchia after Ginobili hit a last-second shot to defeat Serbia and Montenegro in a preliminary round game Sunday in Athens.

Radmanovic led Serbia-Montenegro with 21 points, Igor Rakocevic added 19 and Dejan Bodiroga 16. Andres Nocioni, who signed Saturday with the NBA's Chicago Bulls, backed Ginobili with 12

Argentina was inspired from the beginning, with Ginobili leading the way.

He made all four of his three-point attempts in the first quarter, then was fouled behind the arc with 1.5 seconds left in the quarter. He made all three free throws, giving him 17 points in the quarter for a 27-15 Argentina lead.

Ginobili sat for almost eight minutes in the second quarter, and Radmanovic helped keep Serbia-Montenegro close with 12 first-half points. Argentina shot 74 percent in the half but led just 49-39

A 9-0 run early in the third quarter pulled Serbia-Montenegro to 51-48, and a putback dunk by Radmanovic 23 seconds into the fourth quarter tied

Italy 71, New Zealand 69: Gianluca Basile scored 16 points and Italy, which led by as many as points, held on despite failing to score over the final 21/2 minutes.

Kirk Penney, who played in college at Wisconsin, led New Zealand with 20 points

Lithuania 78, Angola 73: Lithuania beat African qualifier Angola. The Lithuanians attempted 50 free throws, making 32 of them, as Angola committed 37

## Spain's Gasol leads rout of China

ATHENS, Greece - Pau Gasol of the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies scored 21 points Sunday to lead Spain to an 83-58 win over Yao Ming and his Chinese team on the opening day of Olympic men's basketball

phis Grizzlies, had 21 points and 10 rebounds despite missing 6 minutes in the first quarter after having his nose bloodied in a collision. It wasn't long after he re-

turned that Spain went on a 9-0 run to go up 35-23 and the rout was on with the lead reaching as

Yao, the 7-foot-5 center for the Houston Rockets, had 12 points and eight rebounds. He fouled out with 4:02 to play when he was called for a blocking foul as Gasol tried to dunk over him. Earlier in the game, the 7-1 Gasol drew two

charging fouls on Yao.

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Sgt. 1st Class Bret Erickson of the United States shoots in the Trap competition at the Markopoulo shooting venue during the 2004 Olympics Games on Sunday, Erickson, a shooter with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, Fort Benning, Ga., finished 13th overall in the event with 118 points.

# Aussie Carrigan sneaks by leader to win cycling gold

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Judith Arndt looked left. Sara Carrigan went to the right — and right past

Carrigan snuck past Arndt in the final straightaway Sunday to win the gold medal in the Olympic road cycling race through downtown Athens. The Australian — who, in her biography,

Olympic medal roundup lists Arndt as her idol — finished the race in three hours, 24 minutes, 24 seconds.

strong of the United States finished eighth, marking only the third top-10 finish by an American in the race since Connie Carpenter-Phinney and Rebecca Twigg won gold and silver for the United States 20 years ago at Los Angeles in the event's Olympic debut. Armstrong's U.S. teammates,

Christine Thorburn and Dede Barry, hit the finish together in 15th and 16th places, respectively, 1:18 behind Carrigan. All three Americans were competing in the Olympics for the first time.

The only other Olympic cycling medal for U.S. women came four years ago in Sydney, where Mari Holden won silver in the time trial. Barry and Thorburn, the reigning U.S. time trial champion, will ride in that event Wednesday.

will ride in that event Wednesday. Russia's Olga Slyusareva won a frantic sprint to take home the bronze medal, edging Australia's Oenone Wood and Dutch rider Mirjam Melchers.

Carrigan and Arndt, a top German rider, were among a group of seven riders who held an 18-second lead over the nearest chase pack entering the final lap. Carrigan broke away, Arndt quickly followed and the pair soon had a 20-second lead over the field, which by then was rac-

Entering the final half-mile, Carrigan drafted off Arndt, waiting to make one final move. It came when Arndt looked over her left shoulder to see where she was. And by then, she was gone, quickly darting right and accelerating through the finish line. Arndt finished 7 seconds back.

Defending gold medalist Leontien Zijlaard-van Moorsel of the Netherlands — a winner of three golds in Sydney — fell near the end of the seventh lap in the nine-lap race, ending her chances to repeat. She swept the road race, the time trial and the indi-

race, the time trial and the individual pursuit in the 2000 Games. She sat on the road for several minutes before being taken to a hospital for evaluation. It wasn't immediately known if she'd be

able to ride in the time trial.

#### Fencing

Women's epee: Defending champion Timea Nagy of Hungary held on to the gold medal, defeating Laura Flessel-Colovic of France 15-12 in the final.

Flessel-Colovic's silver medal gives her a complete set. She took gold in Atlanta and bronze in Syd-

It was also Hungary versus France in the bronze medal match, but this time the French came out on top as Maureen Nisima defeated Ildiko Mincza 15-12.

#### ludo

Men's 66kg: Masato Uchishiba of Japan ended nearly a decade of Japan's frustration in the weight class by defeating Jozef Krnac of Slovakia in the final. Georgi Georgiev of Bulgaria

and Yordanis Arencibia Verdecia of Cuba shared the bronze. Women's 52kg: China's Xian

Women's 52kg: China's Xian Dongmei stopped a Japanese iudo streak by beating Yuki YokoXian's gold is the first by a non-Japanese in judo after two

days and four events.

World champion Amarilys
Savon of Cuba and Ilse Heylen of
Belgium earned bronze.

#### Shooting

**Men's trap:** Alexei Alipov of Russia won the event with a perfect final round.

Alipov shot all 25 targets in the final to finish with an overall score of 149, tying the Olympic record. In the qualifying round, Alipov also matched an Olympic record, scoring 124 out of a possible 125. Both records were set in Atlanta by Michael Diamond of Australia.

Scores from the qualifying

round are added to scores from the final to determine the winner. Alipov finished three points ahead of Italy's Giovanni Pellielo, who won the silver. Adam Vella of Australia took the bronze with a 145

American Lance Bade of Vancouver, Wash., who won a bronze medal in trap in Atlanta in 1996, finished fifth. Army Sgt. 1st Class Bret Erickson finished 13th.

Women's 10m air pistol: Olena Kostevych of Ukraine won the gold in women's 10-meter air pistol after a shoot-off. After 10 shots in qualifying, Kostevych and Jasna Sekaric of Serbia-Montenegro were tied at 483.3. In the one-shot of tiebreaker, Kostevych shot a 10.2.

to Sekaric's 9.4 to win.

In the bronze-medal shoot-off,
Bulgaria's Maria Grozdeva shot a
10.4, while China's Ren Jie shot a
9.7. They had been tied at 482.3,
one point behind Kostevych and

Libby Callahan, a staff sergeant in the Army Reserve who at age 52 is the oldest U.S. athlete competing in Athens, was 30th.

## Williams, Roddick open with easy wins

BY HOWARD FENDRICH The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Venus Williams knows all about Olympic success. Andy Roddick got his first taste of it Sunday.

Bothered more by the wind and her wrist wrap than her opponent, defending gold medalist Williams overpowered Melinda Czink of Hungary 6-1, 6-2 before mostly small crowds on the opening day of the Olympic tennis tournament.

Roddick made his Olympic debut with a 6-3, 7-6 (4) victory over Flavio Saretta of Brazil, swatting 12 aces and 16 service winners.

The biggest upset Sunday was No. 4 Tim Henman's 6-3, 6-3 loss to Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic, while No. 11 Juan Ignacio Chela of Argentina was upset by Max Mirnyi of Belarus 3-6, 7-6 (0), 6-4.

Marat Safin had a 6-0, 6-4 victory over Karol Kucera of Slovakia. Safin lost in the first round at the Sydney Games right after winning the 2000 U.S. Open title.

Other winners included No. 5 Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain, No. 14 Nicolas Kiefer of Germany, and No. 16 Fernando Gonzalez of Chile, Roddick's potential third-round foe.

The arena looked to be a quarter full for Justine Henin-Hardenne's 6-3, 6-4 victory over Barbora Strycova of the Czech Republic, but fans might have had trouble keeping track of who was leading. The scoreboard didn't work from early in the first set until early in the second.

After getting broken to start the match, the top-ranked Belgian looked good in her first match since losing in the French Open's second round.

In other women's play, No. 8 Ai



Venus Williams defeated Hungary's Melinda Czink 6-1, 6-2 on centre court at the Olympic tennis complex in Athens on Sunday.

Sugiyama of Japan outlasted Zheng Jie of China 4-6, 6-3, 8-6 in a 2 1-2-hour match suspended for 10 minutes after the second set because of heat. No. 10 Patty Schnyder of Switzerland and No. 11 Francesca Schiavone of Italy

Only about 500 spectators were on hand at the 8,000-seat center court for the start of Williams' first outing in three weeks. She quit with a right wrist injury during a semifinal at Carson, California, then pulled out of the next WTA tournament.

"I had so much fun at the last Olympics and so much success, and then to be here is amazing," said the sixth-seeded Williams, who also won the doubles title in Sydpay.

"I'm playing well, I'm playing smart, and I'm also really happy because I've been doing everything my coaches asked me to in the last week."

## U.S. rowers set world records during preliminary rounds

The Associated Press

SCHINIAS, Greece — America's Olympic rowers arrived in Greece saying they were ready for the rough conditions at their venue on a windswept, manmade lake outside Athens. Turns out they were right.

With a tail wind packing gusts of up to 20 mph, both the U.S. men's and women's eights broke world records and won tough pre-

liminary heats Sunday.

No records will fall Monday, however. Forecasts of even stronger winds prompted organizers to postpone those races.

Organizers hoped to move Monday's races to Tuesday, when forecasters predict the wind will die down enough for racing.

The American women's eight won in 5:56.55, eclipsing the previous world mark of 5:57.02 set by Romania in 1999. They advance directly to next Sunday's final.

The American women, who have won both World Cup races they entered this year, have been strong the past three years. They won the world championship in 2002, but suffered an uncharacteristic mistake in last year's worlds when they caught an oar and brought the boat to a halt. Germany finished first in that race, Romania second.

The U.S. men's eight was third after the start. At half distance they were up to second place, about eight-tenths of a second behind Canada, then pulled ahead at the end to win by. 6. The Americans finished in 5:19.85, easily beating the mark of 5:22.80, set by the Netterlands in 1999.

"I know the strength of our boat in a complete race, so there was never any panic," said oarsman Wyatt Allen, of Portland,

### 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS SCOREBOARD

#### Sunday's scores

BASEBALL Cuba 4, Australia 1 Japan 12, Italy 0, 7 Innings Canada 7, Taiwan 0 BASKETBALL

Lithuania 78, Angola 73 Italy 71, New Zealand 69 Spain 83, China 58 Argentina 83, Serbia-Montenegro 82 Puerto Rico 92, United States 73 FIELD HOCKEY

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Germany 2, Pakistan 1
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TEAM HANDBALL

Hungary 28, China 24
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Angola 24, Spain 24, tie
VOLLEYBALL
Men

Poland 3, Serbia-Montenegro 0 (25-21, 25-17, 25-16) 25-17, 25-16)
Netherlands 3, Russia 2 (25-23, 19-25, 17-25, 27-25, 18-16)
Argentina 3, France 0 (25-15, 25-23, 25-22)
Brazil 3, Australia 1 (23-25, 25-19, 25-12, Greace 2, 27-27)

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Fouace, France, 165-157.
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slova, Belarus, 162-155. Reena Kumari, India, def. Kristine Esebua, Georgia, 153-149. Tshering Chhoden, Bhutan, def. Sang Lin, China, 159-156. Maigorzata Sobieraj, Poland, def. Thin Kha-Ing Daw Thin, Myanmar, 151-151, (9-9, 9-9,

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y, 163-152. Ju Wu, Taiwan, def. Narguis Nabieva, stan. 156-142. Tajikistan, 156-142. Justyna Mospinek, Poland, def. Maydenia Sarduy Gorzalez, Cuba, 162-145. Viktoriya Belosiydtseya, Kazakhstan, def. Beonne Bridger, Australia, 156-145. Margarita Galinovskaya, Russia, def. Elena Dostay, Russia, 153-136.

Hello Armed Service Personnel.

I wanted to let you know that you are in My families prayers and we wish you a safe return home swift-

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Parker Family

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Elpida Romantzi, Greece, def. Berangere Schuli, France, 151-143. Lee Sung-jin, South Korea, def. Lamia Bah-nasawy, Egypt, 164-127. Kirstin Jean Lewis, South Africa, def. Dola Sumangala Sharma, India, def. Li Ju Chen, Taiwan, 142-133. Melissa Jennison, Australia, def.

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#### Weightlifting

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 Udomporn Polsak, Thailand, (1, 97.50; 1, 125.00), 222.50 kilograms.
 Raema Lisa Rumbewas, Indonesia, (2, 95.00; 2, 115.00), 210.00.
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5. Marioara Munteanu, Romania, (5, 85.00; 5, 105.00), 190.00. 6. Nastassia Novikava, Belarus, (4, 87.50; 7, 102.50), 190.00. 7. Dika Toua, Papua New Guinea, (7, 75.00; 6, 102.50), 177.50. 8. Virginie Lachaume, France, (8, 75.00; 8, 100.00), 175.00.

### Turkey's 'Little Dynamo' earns third straight gold

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - The world's strongest little man didn't let a lot of big talk get to him.

Halil Mutlu won his third consecutive Olympic weightlifting gold medal, ignoring his biggest rival's prediction that the Little Dynamo was ready to lose with yet another overpowering performance Sunday on the sport's biggest stage

Mutlu, his career in doubt two years ago following two serious injuries, joined Turkish predecessor Naim Suleymanoglu and Greece's Pyrros Dimas and Khaki Kakiasvilis as a three-time weightlifting gold medalists. Both Greek lifters go for their fourth consecutive golds later in the Athens Olympics.

Mutlu so idolized the now-retired Suleymanoglu, the Pocket Hercules, that he patterned his walk after him. When it comes to mimicking Mutlu at 123 pounds (56 kg), no one can compare.

China's Wu Meijin thought he could as the two-time defending world champion recently called the 31-year-old Mutlu "old and no longer formidable " Guess again

Mutlu, only 4-foot-11 yet one of ust four men to lift three times his body weight, remained unbeaten against all active weightlifters. He hasn't lost since finishing second at the 1995 worlds, and has won 16 of his last 17 world-level competitions.

Earlier on a day of weightlifting firsts, world champion Udomporn Polsak got the one that counted most by becoming the first woman from Thailand to win an Olympic gold medal.

Polsak held off Indonesia's Lisa Raema Rumbewas at 117 pounds (53kg) by winning only the third gold medal for Thailand.

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### 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## S. Africa relay win ends Phelps' bid for 8

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — South Africa spoiled the expected duel between the United States and Australia in the 400-meter freestyle relay Sunday night, winning the gold medal in world-record time and assuring that Michael Phelps won't surpass Mark Spitz's record of seven Olympic golds.

The best Phelps can do is tie Spitz after the South Africans cruised to a stunning win in 3 minutes, 13.17 seconds. The Netherlands took silver at 3:14.36, while Phelps and his American teammates could manage only bronze at 3:14.62.

It was the worst showing ever for the Americans, who had never lost an Olympic 400 free relay until they were upset by the Australians at the 2000 Sydney Games, with both teams breaking the previous world record

The Aussie mark of 3:13.67 was shattered by the South African team of Roland Schoeman, Lyndon Ferns, Darian Townsend and Ryk Neethling. Schoeman went out strong, and Neethling closed it out with an amazing 47.91 on the final 100.

The Americans were doomed by Ian Crocker's dismal start. He went out in 50.05 — the worst 100 of any swimmer — and left his teammates with a margin they could not make up.

Phelps went second and got the Americans up to sixth with a time of 48.74. Neil Walker and Jason Lezak tried furiously to catch the South Africans, to no avail. Swimming the anchor, Lezak expended so much energy on his first 50 that he was passed by Pieter van den Hoogenband of the Netherlands at the willow.

At least the Americans got a medal. The Australians were a disappointing sixth, unable to catch up even with Ian Thorpe

swimming the anchor leg.

Using the same team in the morning, the South Africans nearly set a world record in

the preliminaries with a time of 3:13.84.

The American team of Gabe Woodward,
Nate Dusing, Neil Walker and Gary Hall
Jr. was second in 3:15.83, with Italy third
in 3:16.18.

In a hint of their troubles to come, Australia was only the sixth-fastest qualifier, tied with France at 3:17.64.

The American coaches put Phelps on the team at the expense of Hall, an eight-time Olympic medalist who has griped that U.S. coaches were giving Phelps special treatment in his bid to break Spitz's 1972 record from the Munich Games.

Hall didn't even show up for the final to cheer his teammates on. Woodward and Dusing were in the Americans contingent. In individual events, Kosuke Kitajima of

Japan got the upper hand on American Brendan Hansen at just the right time, winning gold in the 100-meter breaststroke.

Kitajima set a world record at last year's world championships in Barcelona, only to have the mark snatched away by Hansen at last month's U.S. Olympic trials.

Neither came close to breaking Hansen's record (59.30 seconds) on a winding night at the Athens pool. But Kitajima was fast enough, capturing the gold in 1:00.08. Hansen, who led slightly at the turn, faded to second in 1:00.25.

Hansen actually went faster in the semifinals, setting an Olympic record of 1:00.01. He couldn't match it in the final, when the weather took a turn from the sweltering temperatures of the first day. Hugues Duboscq of France took the bronze at 1:00.88.

Laure Manaudou of France won the womne's 400-meter freestyle in 4 minutes, 5.34 seconds. Otylia Jedrzejczak of Poland took the silver in 4:05.84. Kaitlin Sandeno of Lake Forest, Calif., won bronze in 4:06.19. Petria Thomas of Australia upset defending Olympic champion Inge de Bruijn in the 100-meter butterfly, while American Jenny Thompson was once again denied an individual gold.

De Bruijn, the 30-year-old Dutch star, went out strong and was ahead of world-record pace at the turn. But she faded in the final 50, getting passed by both

Thomas and Otylia Jedrzejczak of Poland. Thomas won gold in 57.72 seconds, off the pace of de Bruijn's world record swim (56.61) at the 2000 Sydney Games. But the Aussie wasn't concerned with time, finally getting gold after taking silver in Atlanta eight years ago and bronze at Sydney.

Jedrzejczak took silver in 57.84, while de Bruijn settled for bronze at 57.99.

The 31-year-old Thompson was denied her 12th Olympic medal when she touched the wall fifth in 58.72. She shares the career record for swimming medals — including eight golds from relays — with Mark Spitz, Matt Biondi and Carl Osburn.

Thompson helped the United States win a silver behind Australia in the 400 freestyle relay Saturday. But her only individual medals in three previous Olympics are

silver and bronze, both in the 100 freestyle. Her last chance for individual gold comes in the 50 free, but she's not considered a strong contender.

## Fernandez masters foe in U.S. shutout

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Lisa Fernandez and the U.S. softball team showed no mercy — again. Fernandez allowed one hit and the Americans dominated their old Olympic

Olympic briefs nemesis Australia, blowing out the two-time

bronze medalists 10-0 Sunday in a game called after five innings because the Aussies were too far behind.

International rules state a game ends whenever a team trails by seven runs or more after five innings — the so-called slaughter rule.

This one certainly qualified.
After an eight-run fourth inning, all Fernandez had to do was get three outs in the fifth to finish off Australia (1-1), the only team to beat the United States twice in Olympic competition. Both times,

Fernandez was the loser.
Stacey Nuveman hit a
three-run homer off Melanie
Roche to cap the Americans' big
fourth-inning. Her shot to center
sent the U.S. bench into a frenzy
and put a shiver through the rest
of the eight-team field.

The United States (2-0), seeking its third straight gold medal, has won its first two games in Greece by a combined 17-0 score with both ending via the mercy rule. The Americans beat Italy on

#### Iranian judo champ out

International judo officials are investigating whether a two-time champion from Iran who reportedly said he wouldn't fight an Israeli opponent deliberately avoided the bout Sunday by showing up overweight.

Arash Miresmaeili, a favorite in the 66kg class, was declared overweight at the morning weigh-in and disqualified for his first-round bout against Ehud Vaks.

After Thursday's draw, the Iranian press agency IRNA quoted Miresmaeili as saying: "I refused to play against an Israeli rival to sympathize with the oppressed Palestinian people."

Iran does not recognize Israel and bans any contact with the Jewish state.

The International Judo Federation met to consider the circumstances around the disqualification and will meet again Monday, said federation spokesman Michel Brousse.

Miresmaeili was world judo champion in 2001 and 2003 and finished fifth at the Sydney Olympics. He carried the Iranian flag at Friday's opening ceremony.

#### U.S. women's gymnasts in second after qualifying

The U.S. women's gymnastics teams stumbled to the finish of its qualifying round Sunday, botching the final two events to drop more than a half-point behind Romania. The Romanians finished with 152.436 points while the Americans scored 151.848.

The top eight teams advance to the top eight team advance and to Tuesday's team final. Based on the preliminaries, the gold may be a showdown be tween the United States, the reigning world champions, and the Romanians, who won gold four years ago in Sydney.

Russia is third with 149.420

Russia is third with 149.420 points. China, another medal favorite, competed later Sunday.



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## **Indians** rockin' at home

### Twins' lead cut to one game in AL Central race

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND - A packed stadium. A pennant chase. It's just like the good old days at Jacobs Field

This time it's Victor Martinez and Travis Hafner pounding teams, instead of Albert Belle and Jim Thome.

Playing in front of their first



sellout crowd (40,942) since Opening Day, the Indians pulled within one game of the AT. Central

lead, scoring four runs in the first inning and beating Minnesota 7-1

Saturday night. "We are their whipping boy right now and we don't like that," wins manager Ron Gardenhire

said. The Indians have not had a piece of the division lead this late in the season since 2001.

Cleveland has won six straight and 10 of 11, gaining seven games on the Twins in 10 days. Minnesota, which has lost eight of 10, had a season-high six-game lead over the Indians and Chicago White Sox after last Sunday's games.

"They're a great team. We know that," Indians pitcher Jake Westbrook said of the Twins. "We've just come out real strong early on them and been able to hold them off



Tampa Bay's Joey Gathright is tagged out by Texas shortstop Michael Young, left, during a rundown in the second inning of Saturday's game.

Westbrook (11-5) won for the fifth time in six starts, giving up one run and five hits in seven in-nings. He was helped by inning-ending double plays in the fourth and fifth.

"He was able to make some big pitches in some tough situations, Indians manager Eric Wedge

Hafner hit a two-run homer in the first inning, Casey Blake hit a solo shot and Ronnie Belliard's major league-leading 41st double off the wall in left scored Ben Broussard from first for a 4-0 lead. Martinez added a three-run homer in the fifth.

"This is one of my favorite hallparks," Minnesota's Torii Hunter said. "To see it filled up like the old days is cool. And they are playing like the old Indians, too.

Yankees 6, Mariners 4: John Olerud hit a tiebreaking, two-run single in the eighth inning against his former team, helping New York win its fourth straight.

Shigetoshi Hasegawa (4-5) hit Gary Sheffield with a pitch leading off the eighth, then allowed Bernie Williams' double. George intentionally Sherrill Ruben Sierra with one out to face Olerud, who is hitting 333 with 11 RBIs in nine games with the Yankees

Athletics 6, Royals 1: Mark Kotsay made a run-saving sliding catch on Ruben Mateo's blooper to center to preserve a tie in the top of the sixth, then homered off Brian Anderson (2-10) to lead off a five-run bottom half of the inning for the host A's.

Rich Harden (7-5) won his

fourth straight decision, allowing one run and five hits in six innings.

Blue Jays 7, Orioles 2: Josh Towers (8-4) allowed two runs and six hits in 62/3 innings to heat his former team and win for the sixth time in seven starts. Justin Speier and Kerry Ligtenberg finished with hitless relief as host Toronto stopped a four-game losing streak and improved to 2-4 since John Gibbons replaced the fired Carlos Tosca as manager.

Red Sox 4, White Sox 3: David Ortiz's second homer of the game broke an eighth-inning tie and Curt Schilling (14-6) got his first home victory in seven weeks as Boston beat visiting Chicago. Manny Ramirez hit his 30th

homer and is tied with Ortiz for the AL lead

Rangers 6, Devil Rays 5: Kevin Mench hit a go-ahead home run in the fifth inning and Gary Matthews Jr. added a solo shot to lead host Texas over Tampa Bay.

Francisco Cordero got three outs for his 35th save and 15th in

Angels 11, Tigers 8: Chone Figgins hit a tiebreaking two-run homer and drove in four runs for host Anaheim.

Figgins' fourth homer of the season triggered a five-run sixth inning against rookie Roberto Novoa (1-1). David Eckstein, Jose Guillen and Robb Quinlan also homered for the Angels.

Carlos Pena homered twice for the Tigers, who also got home runs from Rondell White and Ivan Rodriguez.

#### Cardinals can't keep up with the Jones a one-hit ninth for his first save

ATLANTA - Chipper Jones homered twice, Andruw Jones also homered and pinch-hitter Julio Franco had a go-ahead, two-run double in the seventh inning to lead Atlanta over St. Louis 9-7 on Saturday, squaring at a game apiece the weekend series between NL division leaders. Rafael Furcal had a home run

among his four hits as the Braves opened a season-high eight-game lead over second-place Philadelnhia in the NL East Furcal had four hits Albert Pujols homered twice

for St. Louis, increasing his total to 35, one behind Cincinnati's Adam Dunn

St. Louis, 121/2 games ahead of second-place Chicago in the NL Central, took a 7-6 lead with an unearned run in the seventh off An-tonio Alfonseca (6-4).

## Roundup

Ray King (4-2) was the loser, and John Smoltz got four outs for his 29th save

Cubs 2, Dodgers 0: Kerry Wood (7-5) homered and allowed four hits and struck out seven in eight innings as host Chicago won for just the third time in eight games.

He hit his seventh homer in 305 career at-bats in the third inning off Kazuhisa Ishii (11-6), a drive into the left-field bleachers against a 15 mph wind. Chicago added a run in the fifth when Michael Barrett tripled leading off and scored on Corey Patterson's two-out single.

Mike Remlinger finished with

since Aug. 22, 2001, for Atlanta against San Diego. Los Angeles, the NL West leader, had won eight of 11.

Giants 7, Phillies 6: Yorvit Torrealba hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning off former Giant Felix Rodriguez (4-6).

Cody Ransom, Dustan Mohr and Marquis Grissom also homered for visiting San Francisco, which has won three in a row for the first time in a month.

Pirates 6. Rockies 1: Jose Castillo drove in a career-high three runs to back Oliver Perez (8-6), Castillo and Craig Wilson homered for the host Pirates, who had lost two straight after winning four in a row. Castillo, a rookie second baseman, was 3-for-4 with two singles

Perez matched his career high

with seven walks, but allowed only one run and two hits in six innings, striking out six. Colorado's Vinny Castilla hom-

ered for the second straight game

Marlins 11, Brewers 1: Jeff Conine's third grand slam of the season highlighted visiting Florida's seven-run ninth inning.

Dontrelle Willis (9-8) threw seven innings and Paul Lo Duca and Miguel Cabrera each drove in two runs for the Marlins, who had lost six of seven on the road.

Mets 4, Diamondbacks 3: Cliff Floyd homered and drove in three runs and New York extended visiting Arizona's losing streak to nine games Al Leiter (9.4) worked into the seventh inning to earn the victory, the Mets' third in a row and fourth in five games.

Expos 8. Astros 3: Nick

Johnson hit his first NL grand slam, Tony Armas Jr. pitched five hitless innings before leaving because of a high pitch count and host Montreal stretched its season-best winning streak to seven.

Armas, pitching for the first time in 18 days and limited to 77 pitches, became the second straight Expos starter to have a hitless outing. Jon Rauch went 4<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings Friday before leaving because of injury.

Reds 11, Padres 5: Wily Mo Pena homered twice and drove in four runs, helping host Cincinnati beat San Diego

Pena and Darren Bragg hit home runs on back-to-back pitches from Brian Lawrence (11-10) to spark a six-run sixth. In the next inning, Pena followed Adam Dunn's major-league leading 36th homer with his 21st on con-secutive pitches from Rod Beck.

## Singh takes charge of PGA Championship

BY DOUG FERGUSON The Associated Press

HAVEN, Wis. - Whistling Straits is suddenly the least of anvone's worries. Even more daunting is Vijay Singh in control of his game and in the lead at the

PGA Championship. When his 5-foot par putt disappeared into the cup on the final hole Saturday, Singh clenched his fist and raised his putter, the most valuable club in his bag. It took him 54 holes to get the lead all to himself, and it could not have come at a better time - or a better place

"They have to play one shot bet-ter now," Singh said after a 3-under 69.

Flawless over the final 13 holes as a pack of contenders fell away, the 41-year-old Fijian emerged as the man to beat Saturday, taking a one-shot lead over Justin Le onard on a course that should play right into Singh's hand.

Leonard had a two-shot lead until he made bogeys on the 15th (518 yards) and the 18th (500 yards), two of the toughest par 4s on the longest course (7,514 yards) in the history of major championship golf.

Ernie Els was right there until he started hitting it into the hay, costing him precious shots over the closing holes and leaving him in a large group four shots behind

"It will be tense out there," Singh said. "I'm going to try to beat everybody in the field if I can. I'm in the best position right

now to do that He was at 12-under 204, poised to turn a great year into his best ever. Singh has won the last seven tournaments when he had at least a share of the 54-hole lead, dating to the Houston Open two years ago. And this lead didn't happen by accident.

Ditching the belly putter for the conventional length two weeks ago when he won the Buick Open, Singh took only 25 putts in the third round and avoided bogey by lagging his long putts to tap-in range

Leonard was at 205, giving him third chance at winning the PGA. The former British Open champion drove into a bunker on the 15th and could not reach the green, and came up short with a 3-iron on the final hole, going into a bunker and making a nice

two-putt for bogey.
"Vijay is an incredible player," Leonard said. "It's going to be a fun day. I get to go head-to-head with one of the best players in the world, if not the best player in the world. At the same time, I have to play a Pete Dye golf course that's pretty difficult

It proved plenty difficult down

that includes Masters champion
Phil Mickelson. the stretch for Els, Briny Baird
and even Mickelson, although all and even Mickelson, although all of them are in contention.

Els, one of four players with at least a share of the lead at one time Saturday, narrowly missed four birdie putts on the back nine and it caught up with him when he started missing fairways.

The Big Easy had to made a great up-and-down on the 18th from some 60 yards for bogey, giving him a 72 and leaving him in a large group at 8-under 208 that included Mickelson (67), Darren Clarke (72), Stephen Ames (69) and Chris Riley (69), who is trying

to sneak onto the Ryder Cup team. Chris DiMarco had a 71 and was another shot behind. Missing from the mix is Tiger

Woods, which is no longer a big surprise Woods was poised to at least

get into the picture until he lost his momentum with the click of a camera on No. 7, then failed to make birdie on the back nine. Singh can put a stamp on an

amazing career with a victory Sunday. It would be his 20th ca-reer victory on the PGA Tour and third major, credentials worthy of the Hall of Fame.

He can attribute it to his putter, which has held him back so many times in the majors.

Singh kept Leonard in sight with a 10-foot birdie on No. 10 and an 8-foot par save on the next

Vijay Singh celebrates a birdie on the 13th hole during the third round of the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits in Haven, Wis.

hole, then pulled even on the long holes where Leonard struggled.

"I knew those last four holes would be very tough this afternoon," said Leonard, noting that all of them played into a slight

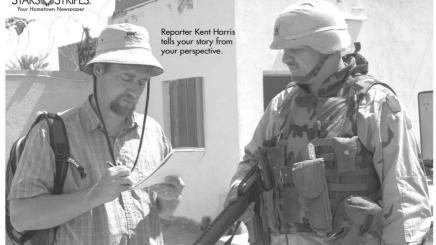
The forecast is for slightly

stronger wind in the final round. Equally important as taking the lead, Singh had a four-shot advantage on everyone else.

"That putt on the last meant a lot," Singh said. "Being four ahead of the pack, they've got to play one shot better to catch me now

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## **Puerto Rico sends USA tumbling**



Team USA's Allen Iverson, left, goes out of bounds as he's fouled by Puerto Rico's Joe Ortiz in the first half of an Olympics preliminary round game in Helliniko, Greece. Puerto Rico routed the Americans 92-73, the first time a U.S. team has lost in the Olympic Games using NBA players.

## **Embarrassing rout gives** NBA stars first-ever loss in Olympic competition

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BY CHRIS SHERIDAN The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - In an upset as historic as it was inevitable, Tim Duncan, Allen Iverson and the rest of the U.S. basketball team lost 92-73 to Puerto Rico on Sunday, only the third Olympic defeat ever for the Americans.

It was also the most lopsided loss in the Games for the U.S. team, alarming not only for its significance but also for

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its decisiveness Rico Puerto which had lost to the Americans five times in the past 13 months, took control in the first half, led by 22 at halftime and gamely held off a fourth-quarter comeback for one of the biggest sports achievements in the island territory's his-

The loss was a blow to the Americans' confidence, but it did little to hurt their gold medal

chances. They need only to finish in the top four of their six-team group to reach the quarterfinals. Still, the defeat will go a long way toward giving the competition the bold idea that it's someone else's turn to move to the top of a sport that's been

dominated by one country for nearly three-quarters of a century. As Carlos Arroyo left the court with just over a minute left, he defiantly pulled at the words "Puerto Rico" on his jersey. He led his team with 24

Anyone in America who didn't see this coming hadn't been paying attention to the way international basket-

ball has been changing. The U.S. nearly lost in the semifinals at Sydney on a last-second miss by Lithuania, then dropped three games on its home turf in the 2002 World Championships in Indianapolis - the first losses ever by a U.S. team

of NBA professionals. This year's team, weakened by the defections and rejections of 12 top players, opened its pre-Olympic tour

of Europe with a 17-point loss to Italy and a last-second victory over Germany - a pair of games in which their vulnerability to a tight zone defense was clearly

exposed. Puerto Rico used that defensive strategy, too, and the Americans could do next to nothing against it.

After Lamar Odom made their first three-pointer, Americans missed 16 straight. They tried to get the

hall inside, but Puerto Rico collapsed several defenders into the paint and took the U.S. team's best player, Duncan, out of the offen-sive equation.

American teams had been 24-0 since the professional Olympic era began with the 1992 Dream Team, but now there is a blemish on their record to go with their two losses to the Soviet Union in the 1972 gold medal game and the 1988 semifinals.

They handled the loss to Puerto Rico with grace, congratulating their opponents and joining them in a huddle at center court before both teams exited to a standing ovation

The U.S Olympic team's record now stands at 109-3.

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